



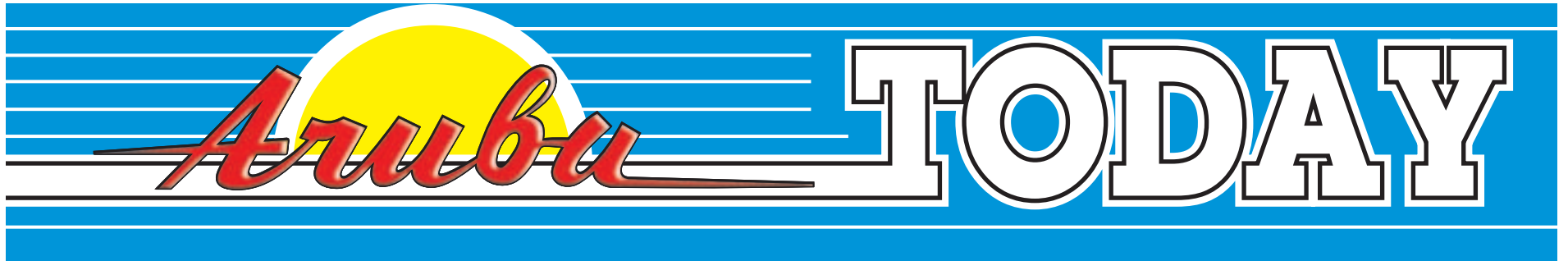
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U.S. Vice President Joe Biden speaks as he delivers a joint statement to the press with Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk in Kiev, Ukraine, Tuesday, April 22, 2014. Biden called on Moscow to encourage pro-Russia separatists in eastern Ukraine to vacate government buildings and checkpoints, accept amnesty and "address their grievances politically."

(AP Photo/Sergei Chuzavkov)

## ***Biden Offers Support to Ukraine; Rebukes Russia***

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KIEV, Ukraine - Vowing that the United States would never recognize Russia's "illegal occupation" of Crimea last month, Vice President Joe Biden on Tuesday reiterated America's support of Ukraine, declaring that "no nation has the right to simply grab land

from another" and calling on Russia to stop supporting masked gunmen who have seized government buildings across the east of the country. Biden's remarks, made during a meeting with Ukraine's interim prime minister, Arseniy Yatsenyuk, signaled strong U.S. backing for the

shaky new government in Kiev that Moscow does not recognize and condemns as the illegitimate fruit of a putsch engineered by the West. In recent weeks, officials in Washington, including President Barack Obama, have issued a string of warnings to Russia threatening increasingly

harsh economic sanctions if the Kremlin does not help to de-escalate the crisis in eastern Ukraine. But those seem to have gone largely unheeded. Biden's stern words, accompanied by a pledge of a further \$50 million in U.S. aid and help to break Ukraine's dependency on Russian energy

supplies, underscored how little trust now exists between Washington and Moscow, despite their joint role in brokering an international accord last Thursday in Geneva that sought, so far with little effect, to defuse the crisis.

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# South Korea ferry death toll tops 100

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Associated Press

**JINDO, South Korea (AP)**

— For a moment there is silence in the tent where bodies from the ferry disaster are brought for identification. Then the anguished cries begin.

The families who line up here to view the decomposing bodies have not known for nearly a week whether they should grieve or not. Now that they know, they sound like they're being torn apart.

"How do I live without you? How will your mother live without you?" a woman cried out Tuesday.

She was with a woman who emerged from the tent crying and fell into a chair where relatives tried to comfort her. One stood above her and cradled her head in her hands, stroking her face. "Bring back my daughter!" the woman cried, calling out her child's name in agony. A man rushed over, lifted her on his back and carried her away.

The confirmed death toll from the April 16 disaster off South Korea's southern coast reached 113 on Tuesday, officials said, and about 190 people were still missing. Four crew members accused of abandoning the ship and failing to protect the passengers were arrested, three days after warrants were issued

for the captain and two other crew. The victims are overwhelmingly students of a single high school in Ansan, near Seoul. More than three-quarters of the 323 students are dead or

the ferry, where many passengers seemed to have gathered. Many students were housed in cabins on the fourth floor, near the stern of the ship, Koh said. One by one, coast guard

bers have been providing DNA samples in case decomposition makes that impossible. Twenty-two of the 29 members of the ferry's crew survived, and nine of them have been



**The orange sun begins to set above searchers and divers looking for bodies of passengers believed to have been trapped in the sunken ferry Sewol in the water off the southern coast near Jindo, south of Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday, April 22, 2014.**

(AP Photo/Ahn Young-joon)

missing, while nearly two-thirds of the other 153 people on board the ferry Sewol survived.

The number of corpses recovered has risen sharply since the weekend, when divers battling strong currents and low visibility were finally able to enter the submerged vessel.

Emergency task force spokesman Koh Myung-seok said bodies have mostly been found on the third and fourth floors of

officers carried the newly arrived bodies covered in white sheets from a boat to a tent on the dock of Jindo island Tuesday.

The bodies are then driven in ambulances to two tents: one for men and boys, the other for women and girls. Families listen quietly outside as an official briefs them, then line up and file in. Only relatives are allowed inside.

Bodies are being identified visually, but family mem-

arrested or detained in connection with the investigation. The captain, Lee Joon-seok, and two crew members were arrested Saturday on suspicion of negligence and abandoning people in need. Prosecutor Yang Jung-jin said a court issued arrest warrants Tuesday for four other crew members authorities had detained a day earlier. Two additional crew members were detained Tuesday. □

## UN committee mute on Iran envoy dispute

**EDITH M. LEDERER**  
Associated Press

**UNITED NATIONS (AP)**

— A U.N. committee took no action Tuesday on the U.S. refusal to grant a visa to Iran's chosen ambassador to the United Nations after hearing from both sides.

The Committee on Relations with the Host Country could have made a recommendation to the 193-member General Assembly or asked the U.N. legal office for an opinion. Instead, Cypriot Ambassador Nicholas Emiliou, who chairs the committee, told reporters after the closed meeting that the issue remains on the committee's agenda "and we will revert to it if necessary."

President Barack Obama signed legislation on April 18 to block Ambassador Hamid Aboutalebi from entering the United States to become Iran's permanent representative to the U.N. because of his ties to the 1979 takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran. Aboutalebi has insisted his involvement in the Muslim student group that held 52 Americans hostage for 444 days during the embassy takeover was limited.

Iran has accused the U.S. of setting a dangerous precedent by violating the right of sovereign states to designate representatives to the United Nations. Tehran has refused to designate another U.N. ambassador to replace Aboutalebi.

The dispute with the Obama administration comes at a very sensitive time as Tehran is attempting to thaw relations with Washington and reach agreement with the U.S. and five other world powers on a deal aimed at halting any potential Iranian attempt to build nuclear weapons.

U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric told reporters Tuesday in response to a question about the visa denial that "as far as we know this is a unique case involving a permanent representative." □

## Syria's chemical arms have been mostly removed

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Nearly 90 percent of the chemicals in Syria's weapons arsenal have now been removed from the war-torn country, with only two or three shipments left for export, the group responsible for policing the global treaty that bans chemical munitions reported Tuesday. The declaration by the group, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, came as new allegations have emerged about the Syrian military's possible use of bombs containing chlorine, a

commonly used industrial chemical that was not on the list of toxic compounds declared by Syria when it agreed to renounce the use of chemical weapons last year.

Both the United States and France have said they take seriously the still-unconfirmed reports that earlier this month Syrian forces used chlorine in an attack on a village occupied by insurgents in the ongoing civil war.

In a statement posted on its website, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons said the 17th

consignment of the Syrian government's stockpile of chemical compounds had been delivered to the Mediterranean port of Latakia, where it was immediately loaded onto cargo ships and removed from the country.

"This latest consignment is encouraging," the director of the Hague-based organization, Ahmet Uzumcu, said in the statement. "We hope that the remaining two or three consignments are delivered quickly to permit destruction operations to get underway in time to meet the midyear

deadline for destroying Syria's chemical weapons."

Syria's government committed to the destruction of its chemical weapons in September under a deal negotiated by the United States and Russia.

The deal averted a U.S. missile strike on Syrian military targets after an Aug. 21 chemical weapons attack in a suburb of Damascus. The government and insurgent groups blamed each other for that attack, in which a U.N. investigative panel said the deadly nerve agent sarin was used. □





## Biden offers support to Ukraine; rebukes Russia

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Illustrating the volatility of the standoff in eastern Ukraine, the country's acting president on Tuesday called for trying again to force the pro-Russian militants from the buildings they are holding after a failed attempt last week. In that effort, a column of 21 armored vehicles was commandeered by pro-Russian forces with the aid, the West says, of Russian special forces operatives. "I call on the security agencies to relaunch and carry out effective anti-terrorist measures," the acting president, Oleksandr V. Turchynov, said in a statement, "with the aim of protecting Ukrainian citizens living in eastern Ukraine from terrorists."

Turchynov was reacting to a statement Tuesday by the self-proclaimed mayor of Slovyansk, which said that one of the "brutally tortured" bodies found in a river there this week was that of Volodymyr Rybak, a government official from the nearby town of Gorlovka and a member of the president's own political party.

The pro-Russian mayor, Vyacheslav Ponomarev, attributed the killings to Right Sector, a Ukrainian ultranationalist group that many here blame for violent attacks against ethnic Russians in the east, but he did not offer any evidence to

back his claim.

Ponomarev also announced that members of Slovyansk's pro-Russia militia had detained Simon Ostrovsky, an American

and colleague, Simon Ostrovsky."

Biden, echoing the view of Ukrainian authorities that the unrest in the east has been instigated and, in

Biden said, adding that Ukraine, through an amnesty law and other steps, was trying to live up to its side of the bargain.

Yatsenyuk, also ratcheting

freeing of occupied buildings. While Washington and Kiev focus on pro-Russian militants holding buildings in the east, Moscow insists that the main reason for the continuing unrest is the Kiev government's failure to rein in radical Ukrainian groups like Right Sector, which are still occupying City Hall and the central post office in Kiev.

Since the ouster in February of Ukraine's pro-Moscow president, Viktor Yanukovich, Russia has repeatedly denounced Ukraine's new leadership as dominated by extreme nationalists and neo-Nazis who threaten not only ethnic Russians and Russian-speakers in the east but Jews and other minorities across the country. After meeting in Kiev with Ukrainian leaders and members of the Jewish community, however, David Harris, executive director of the American Jewish Committee, said Tuesday that "the government is committed in word and, we believe, in deed to fighting xenophobia and anti-Semitism."

Russian allegations of anti-Semites on the rampage in Ukraine, Harris said in an interview, were "a dangerous, Machiavellian game" that only endangered Jews.

"This is not the first time in history that the Jewish community has been put in the middle of such a game," he said. □



**U.S. Vice President Joe Biden, left, talks with Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk during a meeting in Kiev, Ukraine, Tuesday, April 22, 2014. Biden called on Moscow to encourage pro-Russia separatists in eastern Ukraine to vacate government buildings and checkpoints, accept amnesty and "address their grievances politically."**

(AP Photo/Sergei Chuzavkov)

video journalist from Vice News, and were holding him in the captured headquarters of the Ukrainian Security Services in Slovyansk.

In an emailed statement, Vice said it "is aware of the situation and is in contact with the United States State Department and other appropriate government authorities to secure the safety and security of our friend

some places, directly assisted by Russian military and intelligence personnel, called on Russia "stop supporting men in masks in unmarked uniforms," the so-called "green men" who have seized government buildings in at least 10 towns and cities.

"It's time for Russia to stop talking and start acting - act on the commitments they made" in Geneva,

up criticism of Moscow, said, "No country should be allowed to behave like armed bandits" and called on the Russians to stick to the commitments made in Geneva and "not behave as gangsters in this modern century."

Russia, however, blames Kiev for the slim results of the Geneva agreement, which called for the disarming of gunmen and the



# Supreme Court upholds Michigan's affirmative action ban

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WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court on Tuesday upheld a Michigan constitutional amendment that bans affirmative action in admissions to the state's public universities, in a fractured decision that revealed deep divisions among the justices over what role the government should play in protecting racial and ethnic minorities. The 6-2 ruling effectively endorsed similar measures in seven other states and may encourage additional measures banning the use of race in admissions. States that forbid affirmative action in admissions decisions, like Texas, Florida and California, as well as Michigan, have seen a significant drop in the enrollment of black and Hispanic students in their most selective colleges and universities.

In five opinions spanning more than 100 pages, the justices set out starkly conflicting views. The justices in the majority, with varying degrees of vehemence, said that policies affect-

ing minorities that do not involve intentional discrimination should ordinarily be decided at the ballot box rather than in the court-

required special vigilance in light of the history of slavery, Jim Crow and "recent examples of discriminatory changes to state voting

modest one.

"This case is not about how the debate about racial preferences should be resolved," he wrote, in an

ity in the Constitution of the United States or in this court's precedents for the judiciary to set aside Michigan laws that commit this policy determination to the voters."

His announcement of the decision from the bench was businesslike. Then Sotomayor summarized her dissent, an unusual move signaling deep displeasure. She said the initiative put minorities to a burden not faced by other college applicants and so violated the Constitution's equal protection clause.

"The Constitution does not protect racial minorities from political defeat," she wrote. "But neither does it give the majority free rein to erect selective barriers against racial minorities." Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg joined the dissent.

Sotomayor seemed to mock one of Roberts' most memorable lines. In a 2007 decision that limited the use of race in public school systems, he wrote, "The way to stop discrimination on the basis of race is to stop discriminating on the basis of race." □



Students on campus at University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich., April 22, 2014. Leaders at the university are upset by Tuesday's Supreme Court decision upholding Michigan's ban on race-based preferences in college admissions, saying the ruling would nudge them further along the path of finding alternative means to promoting diversity in their student bodies.

(Joshua Lott/The New York Times)

room.

But Justice Sonia Sotomayor, in the longest and most significant dissent of her career, said the Constitution

laws."

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy's controlling opinion for three justices took pains to say that the decision was a

opinion joined by Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. and Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. "It is about who may resolve it. There is no author-

## Justices skeptical on Internet TV

**MARK SHERMAN**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Grappling with fast-changing technology, U.S. Supreme Court justices debated Tuesday whether they can protect the copyrights of TV broadcasters to the shows they send out without strangling innovations in the use of the internet. The high court heard arguments in a dispute between television broadcasters and Aereo Inc., which takes free television signals from the airwaves and charges subscribers to watch the programs on laptop computers, smartphones and even their large-screen televisions. The case has the potential to bring big changes to the television industry. There was a good measure of skepticism about Aereo's approach, sometimes leavened with humor. Chief Justice John Roberts

declared at one point:

"I'm just saying your technological model is based solely on circumventing legal prohibitions that you don't want to comply with, which is fine. I mean, you know, lawyers do that."

But several justices expressed concern that a ruling for the broadcasters could hamper the burgeoning world of cloud computing, which gives users access to a vast online computer network that stores and processes information. Justice Stephen Breyer said the prospect makes him nervous. "Are we somehow catching other things that would really change life and shouldn't?" Breyer asked. Paul Clement, representing the broadcasters, tried to assure the court it could draw an appropriate line between Aereo's service and cloud computing generally. □

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# Whoa there: NYC carriage horse ban is stalled

JONATHAN LEMIRE

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Newly elected New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio is pulling back the reins on his plans to quickly get rid of the city's horse-drawn carriage industry, stung by a recent outpouring of support for the colorful coaches that have clip-clopped their way through Central Park for more than 150 years.

A campaign pledge to remove the horses during his first week as mayor was eclipsed by other issues. And as he nears his fourth month in office, he has encountered enough resistance from the usually compliant City Council to slow his plans again, now saying an industry he calls cruel and inhumane will be gone by year's end. What changed?

For one, a media blitz led by Irish actor Liam Neeson has portrayed the horse-drawn carriage industry as an iconic, romantic part of New York that provides about 400 jobs, many to Irish immigrants. In a series of editorials and TV interviews, he has said the operators treat their 200 working horses like their own children.

"I can appreciate a happy and well-cared-for horse when I see one," Neeson wrote in an op-ed piece in The New York Times. "It has been my experience, always, that horses, much like humans, are at their happiest and healthiest when working."

The next blow came when a series of city unions — who usually are de Blasio's staunchest allies — broke with the mayor, urging him to reconsider his decision in order to save not only the industry's hundreds of jobs but a profitable source of tourism.

A recent poll revealed that



Horse-drawn carriages line up waiting for passengers near New York's Central Park. New York Mayor Bill de Blasio is pulling back the reins on his plans to quickly get rid of the city's horse-drawn carriage industry, stung by a recent outpouring of support for the colorful coaches that have clip-clopped their way through Central Park for more than 150 years.

(AP Photo/Frank Franklin II)

nearly two-thirds of New Yorkers were in favor of keeping the horses at least in Central Park and were lukewarm on de Blasio's plan to put the horse drivers to work instead giving rides in old-timey electric cars. Last week, the city's newspapers piled on. A story in the Times on the unveiling of the \$150,000 prototype electric car described it as "the industrial spawn of a rickshaw and Thomas the Tank Engine," while an editorial bluntly urged de Blasio to "let the horses and carriages alone."

New York's Daily News launched a front-page campaign called "Save our Horses" that filled its pages with pro-carriage stories and an online petition that has recorded more than 11,000 signatures.

For now, de Blasio and the animal rights activists who donated \$1.3 million to his mayoral campaign are standing firm in the belief that the nation's most bustling city is no place for horses. People for Ethical Treatment of Animals launched an anti-horse carriage campaign with celebrities of its own, including Alec Baldwin, Pink and Lea Michele.

The group also organized a protest of its own last week outside Neeson's Manhattan apartment building. □

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## FBI investigates suspected serial child molester

**STEVE KARNOWSKI**

**Associated Press**

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — The FBI asked for the public's help Tuesday to identify at least 90 potential victims of a suspected child predator who worked at 10 American and other international schools abroad for more than four decades before committing suicide last month in Minnesota.

William James Vahey, 64, killed himself in Luverne on March 21, the FBI said.

That was two days after agents in Houston filed for a warrant to search a computer thumb drive that belonged to Vahey, a U.S. citizen with residences in London and Hilton Head Island, S.C. An employee of the American Nicaraguan School in Managua, where



**This combination of photos provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation shows William James Vahey in 2013, left, and 2004. The FBI is asking for help to identify at least 90 victims of Vahey's, a suspected serial child predator who worked in American schools worldwide for four decades. Vahey, 64, killed himself in Luverne, Minn., on March 21.**

(AP Photo/FBI)

Vahey had recently taught ninth-grade world history and geography, gave the drive to the U.S. Embassy

there.

The storage device contained pornographic images of at least 90 boys, ages

12 to 14, who appeared to be drugged and unconscious, the FBI said. The agency's spokeswoman in Houston, Special Agent Shauna Dunlap, told The Associated Press that investigators suspect all of the boys in the images were students of Vahey's, going back to 2008, and that he had molested all of them.

"When confronted about the images by a school administrator, Vahey confessed that he was molested as a child and had preyed on boys his entire life, giving them sleeping pills prior to the molestation," according to a statement posted prominently on the FBI's website, <http://www.fbi.gov>, with links for potential victims.

The photos were cataloged with dates and lo-

cations that corresponded with overnight field trips that Vahey had taken with students since 2008, but he had led students on such trips for his entire career, the FBI said.

"I'm concerned that he may have preyed on many other students prior to 2008," Special Agent Patrick Fransen of Houston said in the statement. "I've never seen another case where an individual may have molested this many children over such a long period of time."

The director general of the American Nicaraguan School, Gloria Doll, said by phone from Managua that Vahey was "famous for wanting to lead student experience trips." She said that's why several of his previous schools hired him. Doll said that, as far as she knew, none of her students had been molested. Vahey started teaching at her school last August but had not led any trips for her school before the allegations surfaced.

She said he had been due to take a group to a model United Nations event in the Dominican Republic the very next day.

"We realized we had probably been spared what was happening," Doll said. Doll said Vahey's flash drive had been taken by his domestic employee, who returned it to the school and urged officials to take a look.

The FBI said Vahey was jailed for child molestation in California in 1969, but Doll said his arrest didn't turn up when the Nicaraguan school checked his criminal background. □

## Oklahoma:

## Stay cancels death row inmate's execution

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**Associated Press**

**OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)** — An inmate's execution set for Tuesday was canceled following a stay order that the state Supreme Court handed down a day earlier, a spokesman for the state Department of Corrections said.

Clayton Lockett, 38, was scheduled to die by lethal injection for the 1999 shooting death of 19-year-old Stephanie Nieman. But corrections spokesman Jerry Massie said the stay order put the punishment at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in McAlester on hold. The order, issued Monday, also canceled the sched-

uled April 29 execution of inmate Charles Warner, 46, who was convicted in the 1997 death of his roommate's 11-month-old daughter.

The stay halted the executions until the state Supreme Court can hold a hearing on the inmates' lawsuit challenging the secrecy protocol surrounding the source of Oklahoma's lethal injection drugs. A hearing date has not been set.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court rejected a request from Attorney General Scott Pruitt's office to reconsider its ruling.

The request, filed Tuesday morning, argued that the

death row inmates are not entitled to the stays, that the stay order is inconsistent with well-established legal precedents and the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals has exclusive jurisdiction over stays of execution. In an emailed statement, Pruitt's director of public affairs, Aaron Cooper, said the high court's "unprecedented and extraordinary actions ... have put the state of Oklahoma in the midst of a constitutional crisis."

"We hope the Supreme Court will recognize the gravity of the constitutional crisis created by their actions and resolve the jurisdictional battle by denying

the request for stays of execution from Lockett and Warner," Cooper said.

In a development reflecting the rising tension between the executive and judicial branches of state government, Gov. Mary Fallin granted a one-week stay of execution to Lockett on Tuesday afternoon, saying the Oklahoma Supreme Court overstepped its authority when it issued a separate stay.

Fallin issued an executive order delaying Lockett's execution until April 29. Fallin claims in her order that the stay issued by the state's high court is "outside the constitutional authority of that body." □



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## US Financial Front:

# Sales of existing homes slip to a 20-month low

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Sales of existing U.S. homes slipped in March to their lowest level since July 2012 as rising prices and a tight supply of available homes discouraged many would-be buyers.

The National Association of Realtors said Tuesday that sales edged down 0.2 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.59 million. It was the seventh drop in the past eight months.

Sales rose in the U.S. Northeast and Midwest, suggesting that cold winter weather did not weigh as heavily on sales as in previous months. Freezing temperatures and snowstorms had contributed to lower sales in January and February.

"Sales appear to be stabilizing following earlier weather-related disruptions," Joseph LaVorgna, an economist at Deutsche Bank, said in a note to clients. "We expect sales to improve as we enter the crux of the spring selling season."

LaVorgna noted that the Realtors' group reported more buyer traffic at open houses last month, suggesting that demand is rising.

Still, big price increases in the past year, along with higher mortgage rates, have made it harder for many Americans to afford a home. Pay increases haven't kept up with the higher buying costs.

Those trends and harsh weather have dragged

down sales since last fall.

Sales fell last month in the West and South, where prices have risen the most in the past year. Price increases were smaller in the Northeast and Midwest. Nationwide, the median sales price last month was \$198,500, up 7.9 percent from 12 months ago.

The sharpest sales increase occurred among homes priced at \$1 million or above. Purchases rose 8 percent in that category. Sales fell in nearly every other price group.

Other measures of home prices have shown stronger gains. Real estate data provider CoreLogic says prices rose 12.2 percent in the past year. That might be discouraging some potential investors, who accounted for just 17 percent of home sales in March, the lowest proportion since August. It was down from 21 percent in February.

But in a positive sign, first-time buyers made up 30 percent of home sales in March, the highest proportion in a year. That's still below the roughly 40 percent that's consistent with a healthy housing market. First-timers have struggled to save for down payments. They also face tight credit standards.

Sales of existing homes rose steadily in the first half of last year, reaching an annual pace of 5.38 million in July. But sales slowed in the fall as rising mortgage rates and higher prices began to squeeze some buyers out of the market.



This photo shows a home for sale in Shaker Heights, Ohio. The National Association of Realtors reported negative data on existing-home sales in March on Tuesday, April 22, 2014.

(AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

About 5.1 million homes changed hands last year, the most in seven years. But that's still below the 5.5 million that reflect a healthy

market. Many economists expect sales to rise modestly this year but to remain below the 5.5 million level. Home prices are rising even

as sales slow. That's a sign that the supply of available homes is tight, forcing potential buyers to make higher bids. □

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**DETROIT (AP)** — General Motors Co. and a battalion of trial lawyers are preparing for an epic court fight over whether GM is liable for the sins of its corporate past. The company is asking a U.S. bankruptcy court to shield it from legal claims for actions that took place before the company's 2009 bankruptcy.

But lawyers who are suing GM say it shouldn't get the usual benefits of bankruptcy protection because it concealed a deadly ignition switch problem when the court was making bankruptcy decisions. They also say the company's motion is part of a

broader strategy to force settlements in dozens of lawsuits alleging the ignition switches caused deaths and injuries.

Late Monday, GM filed a motion in New York asking the court to bar claims that GM small cars lost value because of the ignition switch problem, which has led to the recall of 2.6 million older small cars worldwide. The company has admitted knowing about the problem for more than a decade, yet it failed to start recalling the cars until February to replace the defective switches.

The faulty switches, which GM says have caused at least 13 deaths, can move unexpectedly from the "run" position to "ac-



**Mary Barra, right, CEO of General Motors, and Mark Reuss, Executive Vice President of Global Product Development for GM and President of GM America, speak in New York. GM and a battalion of trial lawyers are preparing for an epic court fight over whether GM is liable for the sins of its corporate past.**

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

cessory" or "off," shutting down the engine and knocking out power-assisted steering and brakes. If that happens, steering can become difficult and surprised drivers can lose control of their cars and crash. If the engine is off, the air bags won't inflate.

GM's behavior has brought allegations of a cover-up from members of Congress, who earlier this month held hearings on the recall. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the government's road safety watchdog, and the Justice Department also are investigating GM's delayed recall. The Detroit automaker contends in its motion that under the bankruptcy, which ended on July 10, 2009, assets and liabilities of the old General Motors Inc. were split in two, with good assets sold under court order to "New GM" and bad ones and most liabilities going to the "Old GM," which was left behind. The recalled cars were made and sold by the old company. The new GM, the motion asserts, took on only

three categories of liabilities after bankruptcy: Those for post-bankruptcy crashes involving cars made by "Old GM" that caused injuries, deaths or property damage; and warranty and lemon law claims.

"Plaintiffs assert claims for liabilities that, under the sale order and injunction, were retained by Old GM," the motion states. It asks the court to dismiss about 50 class action lawsuits seeking damage for lost car values, and for an order stopping similar new claims. But Robert Hilliard, a lawyer who has several wrongful death lawsuits pending against GM, says the motion is an implied threat to those who have filed such lawsuits against GM: Either settle or risk getting nothing because the company will argue that claims should go against the Old GM, which has few assets.

GM has hired Kenneth Feinberg — who handled the fund for the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the Boston Marathon bombing and the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico — to

explore ways to compensate victims. No decision has been made yet on just what GM will do.

"It's completely strategic," said Hilliard, of Corpus Christi, Texas. "Better take the Feinberg money because there's no telling what they're going to do tomorrow."

GM spokesman Jim Cain would not comment on Hilliard's assertions. He said that GM hasn't decided on whether it will seek bankruptcy court protection in the wrongful death lawsuits from incidents that happened before bankruptcy. The motion filed Monday, he said, is focused solely on lawsuits alleging economic loss from a drop in value of the recalled cars. "We've acknowledged that there were accidents and injuries. That's precisely why Feinberg has been retained," Cain said.

After GM filed its motion, a group of trial lawyers concerned that the court will bar them from seeking damages quickly filed a class-action lawsuit with the bankruptcy court. □

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# Battle for Homs a turning point in Syria's civil war

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**HOMS, Syria** - On the edge of the Old City here, children play beside a house blown open by shelling. An antique wood-framed mirror leans against the wall, so that soldiers can watch for threats from around the corner. A block closer to one of the city's last front lines, trash, rubble and rusted cars litter streets of charred and sagging buildings.

The government retook this neighborhood, Bab Sbaa, from insurgents more than a year ago. But few of its residents, once a mix of Christians and Sunnis, have ventured back. Government supporters whisper that insurgents could attack again. And some opponents say they prefer to remain in still-restive areas despite the shelling, rather than live among the military checkpoints here, where soldiers peer from storefronts converted to miniature army posts.

Now, as insurgents who long held much of the Old City make what could be their last stand against

withering bombardment, and the government declares it is on the verge of fully controlling the city, Homs - not for the first time - represents an important turning point for Syria. If the government is victorious here, it will control a devastated landscape, a physically fragmented and socially divided city where many community bonds, not just houses, have been destroyed.

A government victory in this battle would serve to lay bare the more vexing challenge confronting all Syrians after more than three years of civil war: how to stitch the country back together.

For both sides, Homs, a central Syrian crossroads city with a diverse prewar population of 1 million, is crucial to the future. The government hopes it will be a showcase of rebuilding and reconciliation. The exile opposition coalition, condemning the continuing blockade of the Old City, last week called Homs "key to a democratic solution for a united Syria."

But achieving either side's

vision will be a challenge. At least several hundred thousand residents remain displaced, inside or outside Syria, where the few lucky ones with Internet

like islands - some intact but fearful, others in ruins, linked by avenues that few travel at night - and are increasingly sorting themselves by sect and political

largest protests in 2011, drawing violent crackdowns. Government opponents here were among the first to bear arms, and the Syrian army first un-



Syrian soldiers and children at a checkpoint in the besieged and devastated city of Homs, Syria. For both sides of Syria's civil war, Homs, a central Syrian crossroads with a diverse prewar population of one million, is crucial to the future. (Sergey Ponomarev/The New York Times)

access broadcast nostalgia for their city and its reputation for stubbornness and humor.

Those who remain inhabit neighborhoods that feel

affiliation.

Homs has long been regarded by government opponents as the capital of the revolution. It held some of the earliest and

leased heavy artillery here, in the Baba Amr district. In this way, Homs offered a foreshadowing of what awaited the rest of the country. □



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## African troops capture junior LRA commander

**R. MUHUMUZA**  
**Associated Press**

**KAMPALA, Uganda (AP)** —

African troops captured a junior commander with the Lord's Resistance Army and rescued 10 people, mostly children, abducted by the rebels, Uganda's military said Tuesday, the latest blow against the rebel group in an international hunt for its fugitive leaders. The commander — a rebel lieutenant known as Charles Okello — was seized after a firefight in Central African Republic, where Uganda-led African Union troops are hunting down the rebels in vast jungle, said Ugandan military spokesman Lt. Col. Paddy Ankunda. Up to 10 civilians, seven of them children, were rescued from the rebels, he said.

African troops are being assisted by United States military advisers in the search for LRA leaders. Last month the U.S. deployed more forces to assist in the hunt for warlord Joseph Kony and other rebel commanders, more than doubling the number of American forces on the ground to 250. The U.S. also sent four CV-22 Osprey aircraft, two C-130 transport planes and two KC-135 refueling aircraft to assist the mission against the LRA.

Although Okello was only a junior LRA commander, his seizure maintains pressure on a rebel group that at its peak terrorized whole villages and abducted many children who then became

ter an attack late last year in Central African Republic. The LRA originated in Uganda in the 1980s as a tribal uprising against the government. In 2005 Kony became the first suspect to be

the group scattered into parts of Congo and Central African Republic.

Fewer than 500 rebels are still active in the jungle, according to the Ugandan military, and the watchdog



**Troops from the Central African Republic stand guard at a building used for joint meetings between them and U.S. Army special forces, in Obo, Central African Republic, where U.S. special forces have paired up with local troops and Ugandan soldiers to seek out Joseph Kony's Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). African troops captured a junior commander with the LRA - a rebel lieutenant known as Charles Okello - and rescued 10 people, mostly children, abducted by the rebels, Uganda's military said Tuesday, April 22, 2014, the latest blow against the rebel group in an international hunt for its fugitive leaders.**

(AP Photo/Ben Curtis)

sex slaves or fighters. In February, Uganda's military said rebel commander Okot Odhiambo — who was the LRA's No.2 commander behind Kony — likely died of his wounds af-

indicted by the International Criminal Court on charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity committed over many years. After the LRA was ousted from Ugandan territory in 2005,

group Enough Project says the LRA is now weaker than ever, with its leaders having to focus on staying alive amid an intensified manhunt by African troops and their U.S. allies. □

## LATIN BRIEFS

### Colombia arrests cocaine smugglers at Bogota airport

**BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)** — Colombia's anti-narcotics police force says it arrested five foreigners and five Colombians trying to smuggle cocaine through Bogota's international airport during Holy Week. According to a police statement Tuesday, an Indonesian man, a Dutch man, a Mexican woman, a Dominican woman and a Venezuelan man were among those arrested. The statement says the suspects were arrested between April 14 and 20, a period of increased travel. They were carrying a total of 251 pounds of cocaine. Some hid the drugs in suitcases with false bottoms, while others had ingested capsules. All were headed to the U.S. or Europe. At least 96 people have been caught smuggling drugs at Colombia's airports so far this year, including 16 foreigners. □

### 2 teens killed in Paraguay juvenile prison rebellion

**ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP)** — Two teenage inmates are dead after a riot broke out at a juvenile prison in Paraguay, and two guards have been arrested for allegedly using lethal force. Justice Vice Minister Ever Martinez says the riot started Monday night when a group of inmates set fire to mattresses at the prison in Itaugua, about 30 kilometers (19 miles) east of Paraguay's capital, Asuncion. A 16-year-old boy and a 17-year-old boy were killed. Another 16-year-old escaped. Martinez told reporters Tuesday that the guards apparently opened fire on the inmates with live ammunition, violating rules that require the use of rubber bullets at juvenile prisons. Two guards have been arrested. Itaugua police commissioner Edgar Silguero said the rioters were apparently demanding more television time at the prison. □

## Brazil: Death of ex-president was accidental

**RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)** —

Brazil's National Truth Commission said Tuesday that its investigation into the 1976 death of former President Juscelino Kubitschek turned up no evidence to support claims his fatal car accident was the work of the country's then-military regime.

Members of the commission said in a news conference that their two-year analysis hadn't found any proof to suggest the crash, which also killed Kubitschek's driver, was anything but an accident.

At the time, officials said the crash, on the highway linking Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, was an accident that took place when

the car carrying the ex-president was hit by a bus and then slammed into a truck.

"There isn't anything in the documents, expert reports or photos that are part of the current analysis that even suggests that ex-President Juscelino Kubitschek and (driver) Geraldo Ribeiro were murdered," news reports cite a statement from commission as saying.

The statement was not immediately posted on the group's web site, and multiple calls to the organization Tuesday went unanswered. "The material remains indicate that . (the two) died because of the traffic accident," G1, the internet

portal of Globo television broadcaster, cites the statement as saying.

Kubitschek, who oversaw the creation of his nation's new capital city of Brasilia, was a centrist who opposed the military coup and hoped to run again for president in 1965. He was president from 1956-1961, a time of economic expansion for South America's largest nation.

Tuesday's announcement goes against the conclusion of a separate probe into the crash, made public late last year.

In December, the head of the Truth Commission of the Sao Paulo city council said his group found the accident to be a setup,

ordered by the 1964-1985 military regime.

In any case, the National Truth Commission does not have power to prosecute anyone because of a 1979 amnesty law that released civilians and the military from liability for politically motivated crimes committed during the dictatorship. It could, however, reveal the abuses and the names of those who committed them.

Unlike its South American neighbors Argentina, Chile and Uruguay, which also had repressive military regimes, Brazil has never punished military officials accused of human rights abuses. □





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# Asia-Pacific navies adopt communication agreement

CHRISTOPHER BODEEN

Associated Press

QINGDAO, China (AP) —

Naval officials from the U.S. and two dozen Asia-Pacific nations adopted an agreement Tuesday aimed at improving communication at sea to reduce the possibility of conflict amid rising friction between an increasingly assertive China and its neighbors. The Code For Unplanned Encounters at Sea provides simple standardized phrases — such as “alpha” meaning divers are in surrounding waters — that navies can use when they come across ships from other countries.

It's hoped the code will lessen the possibility of collisions or misunderstandings that could lead to conflict in the heavily trafficked sea lanes surrounding China, Japan and Southeast Asia. Tensions have risen in the region over competing territorial claims, especially over a group of uninhabited islands in the East China Sea that are controlled by Japan but claimed by China.

The agreement, approved unanimously at the Western Pacific Naval Symposium in the eastern Chinese port city of Qingdao, is targeted at “establishing international standards in relation to the use of the sea,” according to a text of the agreement provided by a U.S. Navy officer. Although not legally binding, China's adoption of the code indicates its increased willingness to engage with its neighbors, U.S. Navy officials said. The U.S., Japan, South Korea, Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Thailand, Australia, Canada, Mexico, Chile, Peru and several other nations also signed on. In the China-Japan island



A Sea Hawk helicopter takes off from the flight deck of the amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard to assist in search and rescue operations after a South Korean ferry accident in the East China Sea. Naval officials from the U.S. and two dozen Asia-Pacific nations adopted an agreement Tuesday aimed at improving communication at sea to reduce the possibility of conflict amid rising friction between an increasingly assertive China and its neighbors.

(AP Photo/Michael Achterling)

dispute, the U.S. has said it takes no side on the question of sovereignty but that it recognizes Japan's administration of the chain and has responsibilities to protect Japanese territory under a mutual defense treaty.

Chinese and Japanese ships have come into regular contact in the area since China stepped up patrols near the islands after Tokyo moved to nationalize them in 2012.

Addressing the symposium on Tuesday afternoon,

China's navy commander, Adm. Wu Shengli, welcomed the accord as a means for closer cooperation in humanitarian missions, as well as a way to avoid misunderstandings. “For the sake of the extremely precious peace we

enjoy at present, we need to ... try to avoid extreme behaviors that may endanger regional security and stability,” Wu told participants, including U.S. Chief of Naval Operations Jonathan Greenert.

U.S. Navy officers said the code was based on protocols already used by the U.S. military and its allies. It had been discussed among Asia-Pacific states for more than a decade, but legal and linguistic barriers were overcome only in the past year.

While ships at sea already talk over the radio, the accord seeks to standardize those communications with code phrases, the meaning of which have been translated into local languages. While that doesn't guarantee conflicts won't occur, it does give regional navies a standard way to communicate and avoid incidents such as the Dec. 5 near-collision between a U.S. Navy cruiser, the USS Cowpens, and a ship accompanying China's sole aircraft carrier in international waters of the South China Sea. □

# North Korea said to be readying nuclear test

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**JINDO, South Korea** - With South Korea preoccupied by a ferry disaster, North Korea has increased activities at its main nuclear test site, prompting Seoul and Washington to prepare for a possible nuclear test from the North, the South Korean Defense Ministry said on Tuesday.

The report came as President Barack Obama was nearing the start of his trip later this week to Japan and South Korea, where he was expected to discuss

with regional leaders how to deal with the North Korean nuclear threats.

“We have detected various types of activities at Punggye-ri,” a Defense Ministry spokesman, Kim Min-seok, said on Tuesday, referring to the place in northeastern North Korea where the country has conducted three underground nuclear tests since 2006, with the latest occurring in February 2013.

Kim said the United States and South Korea had heightened their combined surveillance and in-

telligence-gathering efforts to prepare for a possible nuclear test from the North. The South Korean military activated a special crisis management task force on Monday morning, he said. South Korea and international analysts have recently said that satellite imagery showed continuing activities at the North's nuclear test site, but they reported no signs that a test was imminent. The South Korean Defense Ministry had said that a new nuclear test by North Korea was a “political” rather than technical

decision, with its engineers ready to conduct one on relatively short notice from its leader, Kim Jong-un.

The fact that the South Korean military activated an emergency task force meant that it took the North's most recent activities more seriously. The national news agency Yonhap quoted an anonymous government official as saying that the North had placed a large screen at the entrance of a tunnel in Punggye-ri, possibly to thwart Western spy satellites watching the site. □



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## Abbas warns against failure of talks

**RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)** — Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas warned Tuesday that if peace talks with Israel fail he may dismantle the Palestinian Authority and hand over responsibility for 2.5 million of his people to Israel.

the outlines of a peace accord ends in a week. The two sides remain locked in dispute over the terms of extending talks and have made no apparent progress on major issues. Under heavy pressure from Kerry, Israel and the Pal-

end of the year to complete a deal. In a soothing message, Abbas said contacts could continue even after the April 29 deadline. But for talks to resume, he said Israel must freeze settlement construction and the talks



This photograph shows European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton, left, meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in Cairo, Egypt. (AP Photo/Pedro Luis Costa Gomes)

Abbas told a group of visiting Israeli reporters that their country's policies have left his West Bank government powerless and that if it continues its path he will "let it come and run this authority." The nine-month period outlined by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry to reach

estinians resumed peace talks last July, agreeing to a nine-month negotiating period with the aim of reaching a final peace deal. With little to show for his efforts, Kerry has been trying to broker a more modest "framework" agreement, in hopes of extending talks through the

must focus on the final borders. "In order for us to resume the talks, if Israel believes in the two states, let's sit on a table and see where are the borders of Israel, let's define the borders, where are the borders of Israel and where are the borders of Palestine," he said. □

## French hostage in Mali reported killed

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**Associated Press**

**PARIS (AP)** — One of two remaining French hostages in the west African nation of Mali probably died several weeks ago because of abusive treatment by his Islamic militant captors, President Francois Hollande's office said Tuesday. Neither the president nor the Foreign Ministry could confirm with certainty the death of Gilberto Rodriguez-Leal, 62, who was captured in November

2012 while traveling in Mauritania and Mali. The announcement followed a report Tuesday by the Agence France-Presse news agency. AFP said an official from the MUJAO terrorist group telephoned its office to say that Rodriguez-Leal "is dead because France is our enemy." Hollande's office said in a statement that France would "do all to uncover the truth ... and will not leave this unpunished."

France intervened in Mali in January 2013 to rout Muslim extremists who had seized control of the north of the country and threatened to take over the rest. Dozens of al-Qaida-linked terrorists were killed in the intervention, while many more fled to neighboring nations. The extremists captured Westerners, particularly French citizens, and turned hostage-taking into a lucrative business producing handsome ransoms. □

## Most Sherpas decide to leave Everest for rest of the season

**B. GURUBACHARYA**  
**Associated Press**

**KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)** — Most Sherpa mountain climbers have decided to leave Mount Everest, a guide said Tuesday, confirming a walkout certain to disrupt a climbing season that was already marked by grief over the 16 lives lost in Everest's deadliest disaster. "It is just impossible for many of us to continue climbing while there are three of our friends buried in the snow," said Dorje Sherpa, an experienced Everest guide from the tiny Himalayan community that has become famous for its high-altitude skills and endurance. "I can't imagine stepping over them," he said of the three Sherpa guides who remain buried in ice and snow after Friday's deadly avalanche. Thirteen bodies have been recovered.

The avalanche was triggered when a massive piece of glacier sheared away from the mountain along a section of constantly shifting ice and crevasses known as the Khumbu Icefall — a treacherous area where overhanging immensities of ice as large as 10-story buildings hang over the main route up the mountain. Special teams of Sherpas, known as Icefall Doctors, fix ropes through what they hope to be the safest paths, and use aluminum ladders to bridge crevasses. But the Khumbu shifts so much that they need to go out every morning — as they were doing when disaster struck Friday — to repair sections that have broken overnight and move the climbing route if needed.

Earlier Tuesday, Nepal's government appeared to agree to some of the Sherpas' demands in the threatened boycott, such as setting up a relief fund for Sherpas who are killed or injured in climbing accidents, but the funding falls far short of the Sherpas' demands. After the avalanche, the government quickly said it would pay the families of each Sherpa who died 40,000 rupees, or about \$415. The Sherpas said they deserved far more — including more insurance money, more financial aid for the victims' families and new regulations that would ensure climbers' rights.

On Tuesday, the government's offer was modified to include a relief fund to help Sherpas injured in mountaineering accidents and the families of those killed, and to pay for rescue during accidents on the mountain. The government said it would stock the fund annually with 5 percent of its earnings from Everest climbing fees — well below the 30 percent the Sherpas are demanding. Nepal earns some \$3.5 million annually in Everest climbing fees.

The insurance payout for those killed on the mountain will also be doubled to \$15,620 (2 million rupees), the Ministry of Tourism said — far short of the Sherpas' demand for \$20,800. The walkout decision was made after a memorial service at base camp for the victims, Dorje Sherpa said, adding that most guides were planning to pack up and leave as early as Wednesday. "We want to honor the members we lost and out of respect for them we just can't continue," he said. Most attempts to reach the summit are made in mid-May, when weather is most favorable. □





## For Divi, Tamarijn, Divi/Dutch Village & Divi Golf: Excellence Awards handed out for the 1st Quarter of 2014!



**PALM BEACH** - Divi, Tamarijn, Divi/Dutch Village and Divi Golf celebrated their Excellence Awards for the 1st Quarter on April 8, 2014, Easter Style! The afternoon started off with the presentation of

the Employee and Supervisor of the 1st Quarter for the different properties. It then continued on with the presentation of the different anniversaries with the different companies and finalized with an incredible

Egg Hunt. The Nominees for Employee of the 1st Quarter for Divi/Dutch Village & Divi Golf were: Vanesah Carlo, Julio Barreras, Jonathan Monroy, Gloria Defoe, Alcides Pulido and Carlos Kelly. The winner was Marvin Kock from Engineering. The Nominees for Supervisor of the 1st Quarter for Divi/Dutch Village & Divi Golf were: Giandra Perigault Monte, Freddy Gross and Amaury Luciano. The winner was Martha Williams from Accounting. The Nominees for Employee of the 1st Quarter for Divi & Tamarijn were: Vivian Dania, Jose Ridderstap and Earny Stamper. The winner was Milko Lo-Asioe from IT. The Nominees for Supervisor of the 1st Quarter for Divi & Tamarijn were: Danidia Manrique and George Irwin and the winner was Rolando Boezem from Divi F&B. Celebrating their 5th anniversary with the differ-

ent companies were: Irma Occil, Job Myrthil, Lucita Pil, Neily Piedris, Bradley Versprey, Patricia Balentin, Philippe Hese, Rose Rasmijn, Franklin Ras, Jacqueline Weindal, Elver Brunal, Hoover Aguirre, Bibi Statie, Maria San Juan and Jamaal Solomon. Celebrating their 10th anniversary with the different companies were: Yee Ting Held and Odalis Thode. Celebrating their 15th anniversary with the different companies were: Rudie Faria and Alexsy Fernandez. Celebrating their 20th anniversary with the different companies were: Fior Bermudez and Francisco Ridderstap. Celebrating their 25th anniversary with the different companies were: Tirso Casuela, Lucia Martinez, Marie Leonidas and Ricardo Erasmus. Celebrating their 30th anniversary with the different companies were: Oswin Martir, Veda Oca-

lia, George Irwin, Norma Telesford and Estrellita Jap-Tjong. Celebrating their 35th anniversary with the different companies were: Cynthia Richardson, Marciano de Mey, Miguel Quant, Miguel Donato and Rosa Leest. Celebrating their incredible 40th anniversary with Divi: Vera Caines from Kitchen and Elmando Richardson from F&B. The company also honored Gregory Mardy from the Security department during this afternoon for his courageous effort in saving a guests life by giving the guest CPR. The company is very proud of Gregory for his selfless action in helping to save someone's life. The Divi Resorts would like to congratulate all the nominees and winners for the 1st Quarter of 2014 and would like to thank all the employees celebrating their different anniversaries with the different properties. Keep up the good work! □



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parents who were all excited to spend time with the cheerful lizard. Bonbi is a blue lizard that stands for the Aruban 'cododo' and is part of the One Happy Family Program, which is a promotion, sponsored by the Aruba Tourism

Authority. As part of the program, families with kids 12 years and younger will receive one VIK (Very Important Kid) passport per family when they mention "One Happy Family Package" at check-in and will be eligible to participate in an exciting

adventure to be entered to win a return family vacation for four. "The One Happy Family Program is great initiative for families visiting the island looking to have a fun time together seeing that the package includes special offers on accommoda-

tion and family activities" shared Keirsin Tjon Pian Gi, PR & eCommerce Manager of the resort. Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino is a proud participant of the One Happy Family Program and was excited to host Bonbi's first resort visit. □

**Beauty On The Beach**

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their heart desires. Aside from all the wonderful tastings and presentations, Ling & Sons will also have the Bright Bakery Oliebollen stand outside. Oliebollen is a typical Dutch

snack, which is very popular on the island, but only available during the New Year's celebration. But this year the supermarket is bringing it to everyone for the Kings Night Celebra-

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In this April 17, 2014, file photo, Utah Jazz coach Tyrone Corbin speaks to reporters on the day the Jazz cleaned out their lockers after a 25-57 season in Salt Lake City.  
Associated Press

### Woodson, Corbin fired: Adelman decides to retire

The Associated Press  
Mike Woodson and Tyrone Corbin lost their NBA coaching jobs, and Rick Adelman decided it was time to walk away from his. Woodson and Corbin were fired on Monday and Adelman retired, creating coaching openings for three NBA teams. Woodson was expected to be replaced after Phil Jackson was hired last month as New York Knicks president during a disappointing season for a team that expected to make the playoffs. He informed Woodson and the entire coaching staff they were being dismissed. "The coaches and players on this team had an extremely difficult 2013-14 season, and blame should not be put on one individual. But the time has come for change throughout the franchise as we start the journey to assess and build this team for next season and beyond," Jackson said in a statement.

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Pittsburgh Pirates' Ike Davis (15) hits his first home run since being acquired from the New York Mets this past week, a grand slam off Cincinnati Reds starting pitcher Mike Leake during the fourth inning of a baseball game in Pittsburgh Monday, April 21, 2014.  
Associated Press

### NL Capsules

## Davis slam leads Pirates over Reds

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — Ike Davis became the first player to hit grand slams for different teams in the same April, and Neil Walker had a winning run single with two outs in the ninth inning as the Pittsburgh Pirates twice overcame deficits to beat the Reds 6-5 Monday. Pittsburgh trailed 2-0 before Davis' fourth-inning homer off Mike Leake. Davis hit a game-winning, ninth-inning slam off the Reds' J.J. Hoover on April 5 for the New York Mets, who traded him to the Pirates on Friday. According to STATS, no player previously hit slams for different teams in the same April. Davis became just the third to hit slams for different teams against the same opponent in the

same year, following Ray Boone in 1953 and Mike Piazza in 1998.

Walker got the winning hit off Hoover (1-2) after consecutive one-out walks to Russell Martin and Andrew McCutchen followed by Pedro Alvarez's popout. Jared Hughes (1-0) pitched a scoreless, two-hit ninth for the win after being recalled from Triple-A Indianapolis earlier in the day.

**ANGELS 4, NATIONALS 2**  
**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Raul Ibanez delivered a tie-breaking three-run double as a pinch hitter in the eighth inning on a night that Mike Trout and Bryce Harper went a combined 2 for 8 with zero runs or RBIs

in their first matchup as opponents.

Los Angeles trailed 1-0 going into the eighth. But Albert Pujols — who went 0 for 5, staying on 498 homers — reached on the first of shortstop Ian Desmond's two errors in the inning, raising his season total to nine. Later, Erick Aybar's third hit of the night scored Pujols to even it.

After Tyler Clippard (1-2) walked the bases loaded, Ibanez doubled to left-center.

Fernando Salas (1-0) won with a hitless seventh. Joe Smith worked the eighth and Ernesto Frieri pitched the ninth to earn his second save, despite allowing Desmond's leadoff homer. Frieri struck out De-

nard Span with a man on second to end it.

**BRAVES 4, MARLINS 2, 10 INNING**

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Evan Gattis hit a two-run homer in the 10th inning, leading the Atlanta Braves past the Miami Marlins 4-2 Monday night.

Dan Uggla led off with a single up the middle off Arquimedes Caminero (0-1), and Gattis followed with a shot into the left-field seats for his fifth homer of the season — and first career walkoff homer.

Andrelton Simmons homered for the Braves, and Jason Heyward put Atlanta 2-1 with a seventh-inning single off Mike Dunn.

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**Rafael Nadal of Spain reacts after losing a point against David Ferrer of Spain during their quarterfinals match of the Monte Carlo Tennis Masters tournament in Monaco, Friday, April 18, 2014.**  
Associated Press

**BARCELONA, Spain (AP)** — Top-ranked Rafael Nadal will look to get his clay court season back on track against Albert Ramos at the Barcelona Open after his fellow Spaniard won on Tuesday in the first round. Ramos beat Nikolay Davydenko of Russia 6-4, 6-4 to set up Wednesday's second-round match

## Rafa Nadal to face fellow Spaniard at Barcelona Open

against the defending champion and eight-time winner. Nadal was knocked out of the quarterfinals of the preceding Monte Carlo Masters — his earliest exit from the clay court tournament since 2003.

"Rafa is a very difficult rival, he's going to play with a lot of intensity as he's coming off a surprise loss, so I'm sure he'll be motivated," said Ramos, ranked 103rd. "It's going to be tough. I need him to have a bad day and myself a great one to beat him."

Nadal said on Monday that his confidence had dipped since his defeat in the Australian Open final to Stanislaw Wawrinka, although

he easily beat Ramos here last season 6-3, 6-0. Nadal has won 39 straight matches on the Barcelona clay. In second-round play on Tuesday, fourth-seeded Kei Nishikori was a 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 winner over Spain's Roberto Bautista as the Japa-

nese player made a successful return from a groin injury that had sidelined him for one month.

No. 16 Benoit Paire of France was the only seeded player to exit, retiring at 6-4, 5-1 down to Andrey Golubev of Kazakhstan. □



**Former heavyweight world champion Shannon Briggs of the United States, left, shows up at a press conference of boxer Wladimir Klitschko of Ukraine, right, during a press conference ahead of Klitschko's IBF, IBO, WBO and WBA heavyweight title bout against challenger Alex Leapai from Australia-Samoa in Duesseldorf, Germany, April 22, 2014.**  
Associated Press

## Ex-champ Briggs disrupts Klitschko news conference

**DUESSELDORF, Germany (AP)** — Former heavyweight champion Shannon Briggs disrupted a news conference on Tuesday ahead of Wladimir Klitschko's title bout against Alex Leapai — demanding a fight of his own against the reigning champion. Briggs lost a 2010 WBC title bout against Klitschko's elder brother Vitali — a fight that left the American hospitalized. He showed up at a news conference with Klitschko and Leapai and

demanding a title fight against Klitschko in the United States.

Briggs eventually left after being pushed back by security. Klitschko joked that he had to restrain Leapai, saying "I have never had to hold back my opponent at a press conference before."

Klitschko will defend his WBA, IBF, WBO and IBO heavyweight titles against Australian challenger Leapai in Oberhausen on Saturday. □

## Sharapova survives scare to progress at Stuttgart

**STUTTGART, Germany (AP)** — Defending champion Maria Sharapova survived a first-round scare at the Porsche Grand Prix by defeating Lucie Safarova 7-6(5), 6-7(5), 7-6(2) on

Tuesday. The sixth-seeded Sharapova needed three hours, 24 minutes for her 100th clay victory, three days after her 27th birthday. □

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## Fleury, 3-goal flurry lead Pens past Jackets 4-3

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)

— Brandon Sutter, Lee Stempniak and Jussi Jokinen scored in a span of 2:13 of the third period to give the Pittsburgh Penguins a 4-3 victory over the Columbus Blue Jackets in the NHL playoffs on Monday.

Pittsburgh took a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven play-off series thanks to the goals on three consecutive shots.

Brooks Orpik added a goal in the final seconds of the second period as the Penguins stormed back from deficits of 2-0 and 3-1. Marc Andre-Fleury had 27 saves.

Boone Jenner and Jack Johnson staked the Blue Jackets to an early lead in the opening 3:18, with Cam Atkinson getting credit for a goal early in the final period that stretched the lead to 3-1.

Game 4 is Wednesday night in Columbus.

WILD 1, AVALANCHE 0, OT ST. PAUL, Minnesota (AP) — Mikael Granlund's diving goal 5:08 into overtime allowed the Wild to pull within 2-1 in the best-of-seven series against Colorado.

Semyon Varlamov stopped 45 of 46 shots, a franchise playoff record for shots on goal by the Wild.

Granlund cut toward the net for a wrist shot, and as he was falling forward took a stab at the puck to finally put one past Varlamov.

Darcy Kuemper made 22 saves, but the Wild goalie in his first career playoff start was just as good as his counterpart.

Game 4 is at Xcel Energy



Minnesota Wild center Mikael Granlund (64), of Finland, shoots the puck around Colorado Avalanche defenseman Erik Johnson (6) and Avalanche goalie Semyon Varlamov (1), of Russia, to score the game-winning goal during overtime of Game 3 of an NHL hockey first-round playoff series in St. Paul, Minn., Monday, April 21, 2014. The Wild won 1-0 in overtime.

Associated Press

Center on Thursday.

BLACKHAWKS 2, BLUES 0

CHICAGO (AP) — Corey Crawford made 34 saves in his third career postseason shutout as the Blackhawks got back into their playoff series with the Blues.

Jonathan Toews scored in the first period and Marcus Kruger added an empty-netter as Chicago bounced back after a pair

of overtime losses in St. Louis. Toews' 21st postseason goal was only the second score by a Blackhawks forward in the series.

Ryan Miller shook off another slow start and made 23 saves for St. Louis.

Game 4 is Wednesday.

STARS 3, DUCKS 0

DALLAS (AP) — Kari Lehtonen had 37 saves for his first career postseason

victory as the Stars won their first home playoff game in six years.

Dallas captain Jamie Benn skated out of the penalty box to score late in the first period, and 19-year-old rookie Valeri Nichushkin added a goal for the Stars in Game 3 of the best-of-seven series. The top-seeded Ducks won each of the first two games at home,

both one-goal results.

Game 4 is Wednesday night.

Lehtonen, who held up through five Anaheim power plays, had a kick save near the end of one of those in the final minute of the first period. That came right before Benn came out of the penalty box and skated toward the other end for the winning goal. □



## AL Capsules

# Six-run 3rd inning lifts O's over Red Sox 7-6

**BOSTON (AP)** — Clay Buchholz allowed six runs in the third inning as the Baltimore Orioles held on to beat the Red Sox 7-6 Monday in the annual Patriots' Day morning game at Fenway Park, a year after the Boston Marathon bombings.

Trailing by two runs, Boston loaded the bases in the ninth. Mike Napoli hit an RBI groundout before Tommy Hunter, Baltimore's fifth reliever, retired Mike Carp on a game-ending grounder for his fifth save.

The game began at 11:09 a.m., about an hour before Meb Keflezighi crossed the marathon finish line just over a mile away as the first American man to win since Greg Meyer in 1983.

Chen Wei-yin (3-1) allowed three runs and five hits in five innings. Buchholz (0-2) gave up seven hits in 2 1-3 innings.

**INDIANS 4, ROYALS 3**

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Jason Kipnis and Michael Brantley hit two-run homers, powering the Indians over the Royals when a fearless squirrel ran around Progressive Field and provided some extra entertainment. Kipnis connected in the sixth inning off Jeremy Guthrie (2-1), overcoming a 3-2 deficit. Brantley provided Cleveland a 2-0 lead in the fourth.

Zach McAllister (3-0) gave up six hits and overcame three errors — one on his errant throw.

The game was momentarily delayed in the second inning when a squirrel ran onto the field. The pesky intruder hung around for another inning before it was shooed into the Indians' center-field bullpen.

**WHITE SOX 3, TIGERS 1**

**DETROIT (AP)** — Jose Abreu and Dayan Viciedo hit RBI



**Boston Red Sox third baseman Brock Holt sits on the wall after he couldn't get to a foul ball off the bat of Baltimore Orioles' Nick Markakis during the third inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston, Monday, April 21, 2014.**

**Associated Press**

doubles in the seventh inning as the White Sox rallied for a victory over the Tigers. Chicago scored three runs in the seventh off Anibal Sanchez (0-2) after managing only one hit in the first six innings. John Danks (2-0) allowed six hits and three walks in 6 1-3 innings, but the Tigers could score only one run off him.

Ronald Belisario got five outs in relief for the White Sox, and Matt Lindstrom pitched the ninth for his

second save.

**ASTROS 7, MARINERS 2**

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Matt Dominguez homered and drove in three runs, and Dallas Keuchel struck out a season-high eight as the Astros broke a seven-game skid with a win over the Mariners. It is the seventh straight loss for Seattle, which is the longest active streak in the majors.

The Astros took advantage of an error by Mariners third baseman Kyle Seager in

the sixth inning to score four unearned runs off Felix Hernandez (3-1) and break a 2-all tie.

Hernandez took the major league lead with 43 strikeouts after recording four, but was unable to avoid his first loss of the season after shaky defense put the right-hander in a tough situation in the sixth.

Keuchel (2-1) deftly navigated the Mariners for six innings, allowing six hits and a walk, but just two runs.

**RANGERS 4, ATHLETICS 3**

**OAKLAND, California (AP)** — Donnie Murphy lined a go-ahead single up the middle with one out in the eighth inning as the Rangers rallied from an early three-run deficit to beat the Athletics.

Sean Doolittle (0-1) allowed a leadoff double to Kevin Kouzmanoff and Mitch Moreland sacrificed him to third before Murphy's hit. Murphy and Kouzmanoff are both former A's players.

## NL Capsules

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Anthony Varvaro (1-0) worked a scoreless inning for the win.

**N.Y. METS 2, CARDINALS 0**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Jenry Mejia pitched four-hit ball into the seventh inning and David Wright delivered another key hit.

Wright lined an early RBI single that extended his hitting streak to 12 games and

Kyle Farnsworth earned his first save as the New York's newest closer.

On an evening when the Mets debuted new camouflage tops to salute the military, they looked sharp. The Cardinals lost for the

third time in four games. Mejia (3-0) bounced back well from a torn blister on his right middle finger that limited him to five innings in his last start. The 24-year-old righty began the game by getting Matt Carpenter to look at three straight strikes,

and rarely was in trouble. Tyler Lyons (0-1) lost in his first major league game of the season. Promoted from Triple-A Memphis earlier in the day to take the rotation spot of injured Joe Kelly, he allowed two runs and six hits in six innings. □



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# Gregg Popovich wins NBA coach of the year

**JON KRAWCZYNSKI**  
AP Basketball Writer

San Antonio Spurs coach Gregg Popovich was named NBA coach of the year on Tuesday, making him just the third coach in league history to win the Red Auerbach trophy three times in his career.

Popovich has received the league's top coaching honor in two of the last three seasons, joining Don Nelson and Pat Riley as the only coaches to win the award three times.

In a career full of masterful coaching performances, Popovich may have delivered his best in season No. 18.

The Spurs entered the season still thinking about the devastating loss to the Miami Heat in last summer's classic NBA Finals. Once again thought to be too old to challenge LeBron James and the mighty Heat, the Spurs took the defending champions to seven games but couldn't

quite close it out for the franchise's fifth NBA title.

"The way we lost in the finals wasn't an ordinary loss, it was pretty devastating," Popovich said on Tuesday. "We decided that we needed to just face that right off the bat at the beginning of the season and get it out of the way. Don't blame it on the basketball gods or bad fortune or anything like that, the Miami Heat beat us and won the championship and that's that."

Popovich joined Don Nelson and Pat Riley as the only coaches in league history to take home the Red Auerbach trophy three times in their career.

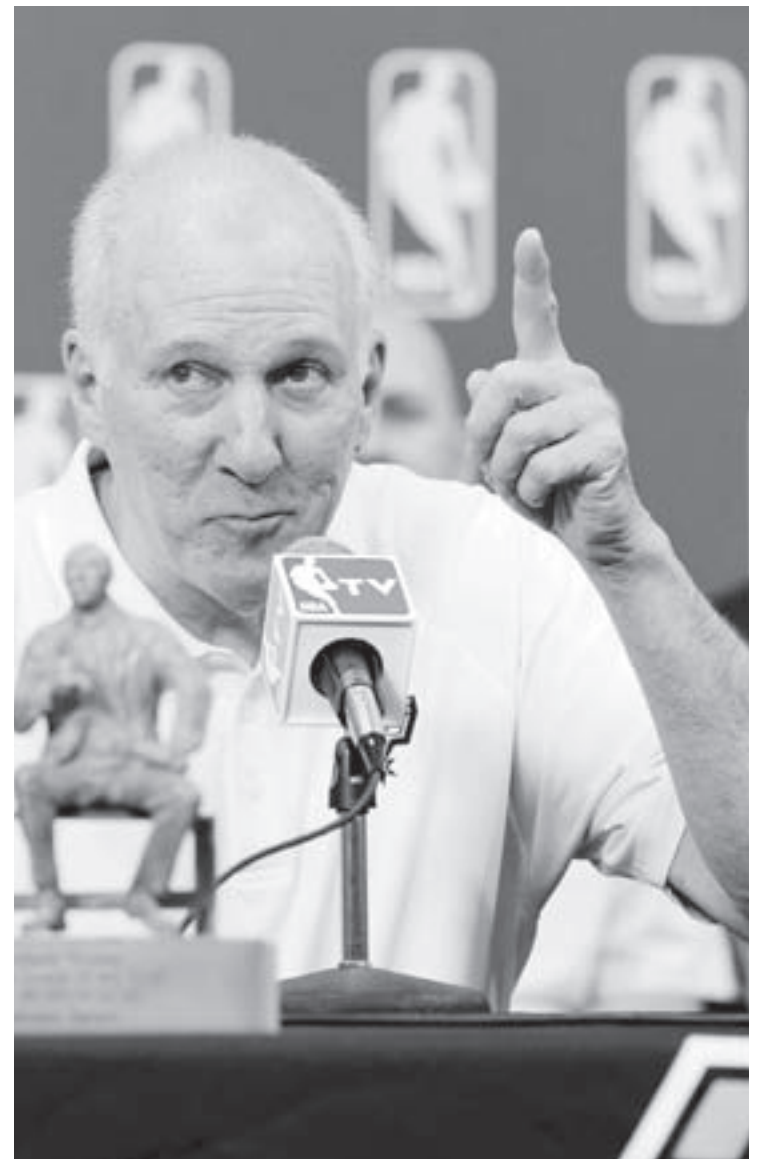
"They're on the hood of my car," Popovich cracked. "One, two, three, right on the car, the way players do license plates. ... I've got three of those right on the hood."

The Spurs showed up to training camp still stinging

from that defeat to the Miami Heat, and Popovich had to get to know a new-look coaching staff after losing longtime assistants Brett Brown and Mike Budenholzer to head coaching jobs in Philadelphia and Atlanta.

Then he led the Spurs to a league-best 62-20 record, which gives them home-court advantage throughout the playoffs. And he did it while deftly navigating a season filled with nagging injuries to several key players. Tim Duncan was the only starter to play in at least 70 games. No Spur averaged 30 minutes per game and Tony Parker led the team with a modest 16.7 points per game.

Despite all of that, the Spurs won at least 50 games for the 15th straight season and topped 60 for the fourth time in that span, an unprecedented run of sustained excellence in the modern era. □



San Antonio Spurs coach Gregg Popovich sits with the Red Auerbach trophy during a news conference after he was named NBA basketball coach of the year, Tuesday, April 22, 2014, in San Antonio. Popovich has won the award three times.

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Woodson went 109-79 with the Knicks, a .580 winning percentage that ranks behind only Pat Riley and Jeff Van Gundy in franchise history. But after winning 54 games and the Atlantic Division title last season, the Knicks were just 37-45.

The Utah Jazz had no such expectations for this season after the departures of Al Jefferson and Paul Millsap, but declined to offer Corbin a new contract after they went 25-57. Corbin, a former Jazz player and assistant who replaced



In this April 14, 2014, file photo, Minnesota Timberwolves head coach Rick Adelman directs his team against the Golden State Warriors during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Oakland, Calif.

Associated Press

Jerry Sloan in 2011, went 112-146.

"This is the best decision for our franchise moving forward," general manager Dennis Lindsay said.

Adelman won more than 1,000 games in 23 seasons, but the Minnesota Timberwolves were a disappointing 40-42 this season. He wanted to spend more time with wife Mary Kay, who has been treated for seizures over the last two years, and also thinks the Wolves need a fresh voice to help them try to persuade star power forward Kevin Love to remain in Minnesota.

"If anything, I felt if I

coached another year and then his future comes up and my future is gone, that makes it even harder," Adelman said. "It's best for the organization to have somebody else coaching the team, give them a year to see what they can do and hear that voice. That's a much more positive situation for the organization. I feel strongly about that." The Detroit Pistons are still looking for a full-time coach after firing Maurice Cheeks during the season, and the Los Angeles Lakers could decide to replace Mike D'Antoni after going 27-55 during an injury-plagued season. □



# Spring to the Sea

By: Dr. Carlos Viana



Spring in Aruba means a mass migration to the seaside. Not talking tourist here. I am describing neighbors who stay far away from the ocean the whole year, but then are moved to spend the week "camping" by the ocean. Do not believe for a moment that this is a local tradition. People have been drawn to the sea for fun, health and revitalization since ancient times. Plato, the Greek philosopher said, "The Sea cures all ailments of man." Plato as well as Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine, often prescribed bathing in the sea as a health treatment.

Most of us know that a trip to the sea makes us feel "new." Why? First, the ocean air is filled with negative ions. Countless studies have been done on how negative ions clean dust and therefore reduce symptoms of allergies, counteract negative effects of smoking, and increase the flow of oxygen to the brain; resulting in higher alertness, decrease drowsiness, and more mental energy. Wow, all that from going to the ocean?

Do you know that sea water contains all the 104 minerals and trace elements present in human serum, or plasma? So powerful are the effects of the sea water on the human body, mind and spirit that a rejuvenating therapy known as Thalassotherapy, from the Greek words, "Thalasso" for sea; and "therapy" for treatment has been practiced since well before the 1800's when the French coined the word. So, soaking in the ocean or if you're not lucky enough to live near the ocean, a sea salt bath, is a therapy that allows the skin to absorb and benefit from ocean minerals. As a complimentary physician and a medical anthropologist, I realize that this urge to go to the sea in springtime, is a primal urge to clean ourselves from the past so that we can be reborn.

I recommend whenever possible, that parents take their children to the ocean to clean their sinuses. Ocean water is a natural antihistamine that helps clear up mucus secretions. It is a powerful antihistamine that does not make you drowsy and has no negative side effects. Antibiotic do not help fight viruses. However, nearly all viruses will succumb to sea water and natural sunshine.

I believe in the healing power of the sea so strongly, that I developed a "Water" therapy for our patients who are swollen with edema. I call this treatment "Head out Immersion". The number of people in our community taking diuretics, or drugs to remove excess body fluid or edema is staggering. Many people think if they are suffering from edema they have too much water in the body and do not drink fluids. Actually, edema actually is one of the signs of dehydration or that the body is trying to dilute a poison. The fluid swelling arms and legs is salty water that can be replenished with fresh, healthy water.

I supervise my patients who want help to move out this "dirty" water by having them drink more water and sit in the ocean. Before leaving your house measure the thickness of your legs. Drink a liter (quart) of water and go to the beach. Sit in the water for forty minutes with the water up to your neck with your head out of the water, your arms and legs underwater. If you also have hypertension you will leave the water, get home and realize that you are ready for a sound nap. Our Head Out Immersion produces positive results and here at Viana Healing Center we have seen this easy procedure work small miracles with swollen bodies. By the way, you know that diuretic you are taking? It does remove some body fluid and potassium, but leaves the salt behind, which means you are going to swell up faster. The head out immersion also removes your excess body salt. Meanwhile, the potassium you have lost is a very important mineral for the proper function of all cells, tissues, and organs in the

human body. If you are taking a diuretic it is important to replace the lost potassium. Many foods contain potassium, including all meats, some types of fish, such as salmon, cod, and flounder, and many fruits, vegetables, and beans.

Another "Hydro" (water) therapy and a great way to detoxify your organs and hydrate your body is by having your colon washed. Colon Hydrotherapy is an extended and more complete form of an enema. Colon hydrotherapy involves the gentle infusion of warm filtered water into the rectum by a trained therapist or Natural Physician, using no chemicals or drugs. The out flowing water removes excess gas, mucus, infectious material and feces. It is the natural solution to conditions, which interfere with the normal functions of the colon. We get extra request for this treatment in our clinic, especially after holiday binging, or when beginning a weight loss or other health program or as a "spring cleaning". Many patients state that they feel reborn after this therapy.

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plenty mineral water every day. If you would like more help with a specific type of detox or cleansing, we offer colon-hydro therapy, individual medical analysis and a program to suite each person. Meanwhile, be part of the solution in keeping our waters clean so the healing will continue.

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# AT&T joins crowded field with online video plans

BARBARA ORTUTAY

AP Technology Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — AT&T and an investment firm run by former News Corp. executive Peter Chernin have formed an online video venture that could rival Netflix and Hulu.

AT&T Inc. and Chernin Group said Tuesday that they have committed more than \$500 million in funding toward the venture. They are not saying how much each company is investing. The move comes amid rapid growth in online video services. AT&T, a telecoms giant, already offers TV content through its U-Verse service, which competes with more traditional cable TV providers. With online video, though, it could attract customers of Netflix, Hulu, YouTube and other services — including people who've stopped paying for traditional broad-

cast, cable or satellite TV.

The companies said the venture will invest in advertising and subscription-based video-on-demand services, as well as online streaming.

AT&T rival Verizon Communications Inc. is planning similar services. The telecommunications giant bought Intel Media earlier this year. The onetime division of chip maker Intel Corp. had been preparing to launch a service that streams TV channels over the Internet.

Dish Network Corp., meanwhile, struck a deal with Disney last month that paves the way for the satellite TV service to live-stream Disney-owned channels like ESPN and ABC over the Internet to customers' smartphones, tablets, video game consoles and other devices.

None of companies have



In this Oct. 19, 2009 file photo, the AT&T logo is on display at a RadioShack store in Gloucester, Mass.

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announced start dates for the planned online video services.

The Chernin Group, run by former News Corp. Chief

Operating Officer Peter Chernin, is contributing its assets to the venture, including its majority stake in Crunchyroll, a subscription-

based provider of anime videos.

Shares of Dallas-based AT&T rose 23 cents to \$36.29 in late morning trading. □



This May 15, 2013 file shows Google Glasses displayed in San Francisco.

Associated Press

## Google challenges nonprofits on ideas to use Glass

BRETT ZONGKER

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Google has a challenge for U.S. nonprofits.

On Tuesday, the tech giant is asking nonprofit groups to propose ideas for how to use the Web-connected eyewear Google Glass in their work. Five charities

that propose the best ideas by May 20 will get a free pair of the glasses, a trip to Google for training and a \$25,000 grant to help make their project a reality.

Already, Google has been testing Glass with nonprofits in their field work.

Conservationists at the

Washington-based World Wildlife Fund have been using Google Glass for hands-free field research. In Nepal, a research officer has been using Google Glass to track, photograph and monitor rhinos to help protect them from poaching in areas that are inaccessible by vehicles. □

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# Earnings and corporate deals lift US stocks

**STEVE ROTHWELL**  
**AP Markets Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Corporate deals and some solid earnings reports propelled the stock market to its sixth straight gain Tuesday.

Allergan surged after Valeant Pharmaceuticals said it had teamed up with activist investor Bill Ackman to make a bid for the Botox maker. Netflix and Harley-Davidson rose sharply after reporting earnings that beat analyst's expectations.

Stocks are rebounding from a slump earlier this month when investors dumped high-flying biotechnology and Internet stocks. The gains over the past week have been driven by a combination of better economic news and respectable, if not spectacular, earnings reports.

"We were definitely oversold, there's no question about that," said Phil Orlando, chief equity strategist at Federated Investors. "Earnings, by and large, haven't been worse than we thought and the economic news has actually been a little better."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 7.66 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,879.55. The six consecutive gains in the index marks the longest winning streak since September.

The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 65.12 points, or 0.4 percent, to 16,514.37. The Nasdaq composite gained 39.91

points, or 1 percent, to 4,161.46.

Allergan rose the most in the S&P 500, climbing \$21.65, or 15.2 percent, to \$163.65. Health care stocks rose 1.04 percent, the biggest gain of the 10 sectors that make up the S&P 500 index.

for other potential merger candidates," said John Carey, a portfolio manager at Pioneer Investments. "So it usually drives some other stocks up."

Overall, first-quarter earnings at S&P 500 companies are expected to fall 0.8 percent in the first quarter

ported their earnings have exceeded analysts' forecasts.

"It is a familiar dance," said Federated's Orlando. "Managements have gotten very adept at doing this: lowering the bar and essentially engineering a modest positive surprise."



**Specialist Frank Masiello works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Tuesday, April 22, 2014. Stocks closed mostly higher in trading as investors assessed more corporate earnings.**

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

There was also deal news in the health care industry from Europe. Swiss pharmaceutical maker Novartis AG unveiled a series of multibillion-dollar deals with Britain's GlaxoSmithKline PLC and the U.S.'s Eli Lilly & Co. The announcements helped drive some speculative buying.

"Whenever there are mergers, people start looking

compared with the same period a year earlier, and growth of almost 8 percent in the fourth quarter, according to S&P Capital IQ data.

While that would be the first decline in earnings since the third quarter of 2009, analysts had been expecting worse.

So far, about 65 percent of companies that have re-

The consumer discretionary sector had the second-biggest gain Tuesday after some good earnings reports.

Harley-Davidson jumped \$4.33, or 6.4 percent, to \$71.87 after reporting that its first-quarter earnings rose nearly 19 percent. Motorcycle sales grew 5.8 percent worldwide and efficiency efforts took hold. □

## STREET BRIEFS

### Yum's profit up as KFC in China sales rebound

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Yum reported a higher-than-expected profit for its first quarter as sales recovered at its KFC chain in China. The company, which also owns Taco Bell and Pizza Hut, said sales at established locations in China rose 9 percent for the period. The company has been working to bounce back from a controversy over its chicken supply in China, where it is the biggest Western fast-food operator. Back in the U.S., Taco Bell's sales at existing locations dipped 1 percent. For the quarter, Yum Brands Inc. earned \$399 million, or 87 cents per share, topping the 84 cents per share analysts expected. A year ago, it earned \$337 million, or 72 cents per share. Revenue rose to \$2.72 billion, but was short of the \$2.81 billion Wall Street expected. □

### AT&T earnings unchanged, but 1Q revenue up

**NEW YORK (AP)** — AT&T says its first quarter earnings were unchanged from the first three months of last year, but revenue grew as the wireless business added more than 1 million subscribers. First-quarter net income was \$3.7 billion, or 70 cents per share, compared with \$3.7 billion, or 67 cents, a year earlier, when AT&T had more shares outstanding. Adjusting for one-time items, income was 71 cents per share, compared with 64 cents in the same period last year. Analysts expected 70 cents. Revenue grew 4 percent to \$32.5 billion, better than the \$32.4 billion analysts expected, according to FactSet. AT&T Inc. said Tuesday that it added 1,062,000 wireless subscribers in the quarter. That includes 625,000 smartphones and tablets in "post-paid" plans. These are the high-value customers on contracts or long-term installment plans. □

# Unusual hostile bid for maker of Botox

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Activist investors are exerting ever more influence on corporate America, pressing companies to cut costs, replace executives and strike deals. Earlier this week, William A. Ackman, among the brashest men on Wall Street, made perhaps the boldest move yet for an activist.

By teaming up with Valeant, a big health care company, and offering to buy Allergan, the maker of Botox, for roughly \$50 billion, Ackman has once again

found an audacious way to pursue his agenda.

If successful, the joint bid by a hedge fund and a corporate acquirer could provide a new template for how deals are done in an era of increased activity by activist investors.

"This is a harbinger of a much wider range of kinds of deals," said Ronald J. Gilson, a professor of business law at Stanford Law School. "There are a lot of people with a lot of money who can act very quickly, and they don't have to do things that look like last

week's deal."

But the proposed acquisition, the first of its kind, also raises pressing questions about how activists and corporations work together and how companies defend themselves against hostile bidders. It also opens up potential new conflicts of interest.

Regulatory filings show that during the past two months, PS Fund 1, a part of Ackman's Pershing Square Capital Management, has been acquiring shares of Allergan, the maker of Botox and other cosmetic

drugs based in Irvine, Calif. During that time, Pershing Square amassed a 9.7 percent stake in Allergan, worth more than \$4 billion. But Ackman was not acting alone.

Valeant, a health care company based in Quebec that is worth \$42 billion, had agreed to pursue a joint bid for Allergan alongside Pershing Square. Valeant contributed \$76 million to PS Fund 1, filings show, and committed to work with Pershing Square on a joint bid for all of Allergan. □



# Philips shares slump over weak 1st-quarter profits

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**Associated Press**

**AMSTERDAM (AP)** — Shares in Royal Philips, the world's leading light maker, slumped Tuesday after the Dutch company reported a drop in first-quarter profits blamed partly on sluggish sales of its health care products and consumer lights.

Philips said its net profit for the January-March period was 138 million euros (\$190.5 million), 14 percent lower than for the same quarter of 2013. Sales fell

4.8 percent to 5.02 billion euros (\$6.9 billion).

The Amsterdam-based company said profit margins worsened partly because of paying laid-off workers. The company cut about 3,800 jobs over the past year and now employs 114,300.

Chief executive Frans van Houten cited negative "market headwinds" in Russia and China, and said the euro currency's strength also hurt the bottom line.

Van Houten forecast a

"challenging year" ahead. Philips shares fell 6.7 percent to 23.27 euros (\$32.15) in midday trading.

Among its major divisions, Philips said lighting sales were flat, health care equipment and services revenues declined 2 percent, and sales of consumer appliances such as shavers and coffee makers rose 7 percent.

Philips' lighting division has shifted production to LED and energy-saving bulbs that last longer but are pricier per light. Revenues

from the sale of LED lights surged 37 percent versus the first quarter of 2013, and now represent a third of the company's lighting sales. However, overall lighting sales were flat as sales fell for other types of lights, notably incandescent bulbs.

Chief financial officer Ron Wirahadiraksa told analysts the decline in consumer purchases was led by Western Europe "where, with few exceptions, the market continues to be sluggish."

Philips has been selling do-it-yourself kits for home enthusiasts who wish to control their home lighting systems over a network, a potential area of growth.

The performance of Philips' health care division also was mixed. Sales of high-end imaging equipment declined, while sales of systems for networking patient monitoring grew strongly.

Analysts at Killik & Co said the results reflected "weaker performances in the lighting and health care

## Discover Financial's profit declines 6 pct. in 1Q



This photo shows Discover cards in Overland Park, Kan. Discover Financial reported poor quarterly earnings on Tuesday, April 22, 2014. (AP Photo/Charlie Riedel)

**ALEX VEIGA**

**AP Business Writer**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Discover Financial Services' net income fell 6 percent

in the first three months of the year as the company set aside more money to

cover potential loan losses, offsetting loan growth.

The credit card issuer and lender said Tuesday that

total loans grew 6 percent in the first quarter from a year earlier. Credit card loans increased 5 percent, while sales volume for the company's namesake card rose 3 percent.

In all, Discover's first-quarter net interest income, or money earned from loans after factoring in interest expense, jumped nearly 11 percent, to \$1.56 billion from \$1.41 billion.

Discover's payments services business didn't fare as well, however, with pretax income plunging 40 percent even as transaction dollar volume grew 4 percent. Both Discover and American Express are pushing into the payments processing business, where they compete with Visa and MasterCard, payment processing networks that don't issue credit cards or lend money.

Discover's latest quarter included a provision for potential loan losses of \$272 million, up from \$159 million a year earlier.

All told, Discover's profit after paying preferred dividends was \$618 million, or \$1.31 per share, in the three months ended March 31. That compares with \$659 million, or \$1.33 per share, in the prior-year quarter.

Revenue net of interest expense grew about 4 percent, to \$2.08 billion from \$1.99 billion.

Analysts polled by FactSet expected earnings of \$1.25 per share on \$2.11 billion in revenue.

Last week, American Express reported better-than-expected first-quarter earnings growth, reflecting increased spending by its cardholders. Revenue also increased, but fell short of Wall Street expectations. □

## Milwaukee's Harley-Davidson 1Q earnings roar ahead

**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — Shares of Harley-Davidson jumped almost 7 percent in pre-market trading after the company reported first-quarter earnings that were 18.7 percent higher than a year ago.

The Milwaukee company said motorcycle sales grew 5.8 percent worldwide and efficiency efforts took hold during the quarter. Its earnings topped Wall Street estimates.

That sent shares up nearly 7 percent before the opening bell.

The company posted net income of \$265.9 million,

up from \$224.1 million a year ago.

That's \$1.21 per share, compared with 99 cents in the first quarter of 2013. Analysts polled by FactSet expected earnings of \$1.07 per share.

Motorcycle and related products revenue rose 11 percent to \$1.57 billion. Overall revenue including financial services rose to \$1.73 billion from \$1.57 billion.

Motorcycle sales grew 3 percent in the U.S. to 35,730 during the quarter despite a long, cold winter, CEO Keith Wandell said in

a statement.

But international sales, especially in Asia, helped the first-quarter results. Harley said Asia-Pacific motorcycle sales rose more than 20 percent to 7,178 for the quarter. In the Europe, Middle East and Africa region, sales were up 8 percent to 9,940, while they rose 9 percent in Latin America to 2,558.

The company said demand for its Project Rushmore motorcycles was high during the quarter, and it also started shipping the Harley-Davidson Street 750 and 500 models in se-

lected markets.

"These motorcycles, together with continuous improvement in our operations at every level, underscore the momentum we've established as a customer-led company," Wandell's statement said. Harley reiterated guidance of growing motorcycle shipments this year, up 7 percent to 9 percent to a range of 279,000 to 284,000. The company expects second-quarter shipments to rise 9 percent to 15 percent to a range of 92,000 to 97,000, up from 84,606 a year earlier. □

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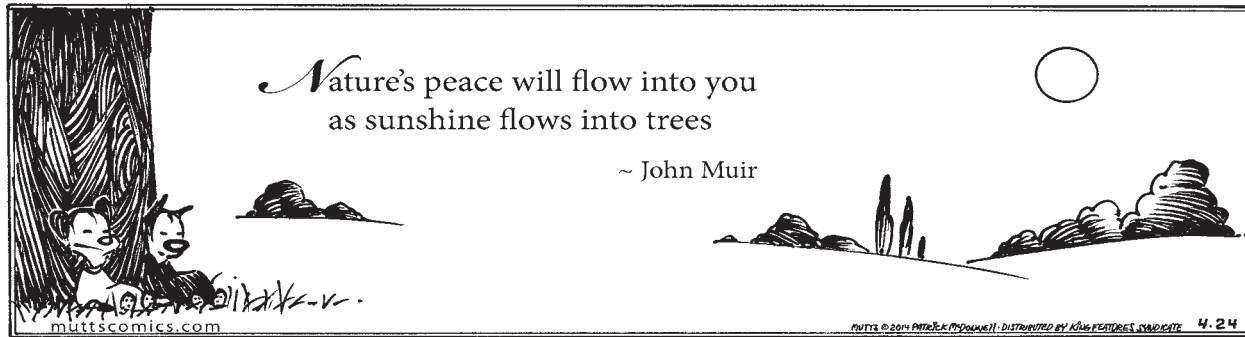
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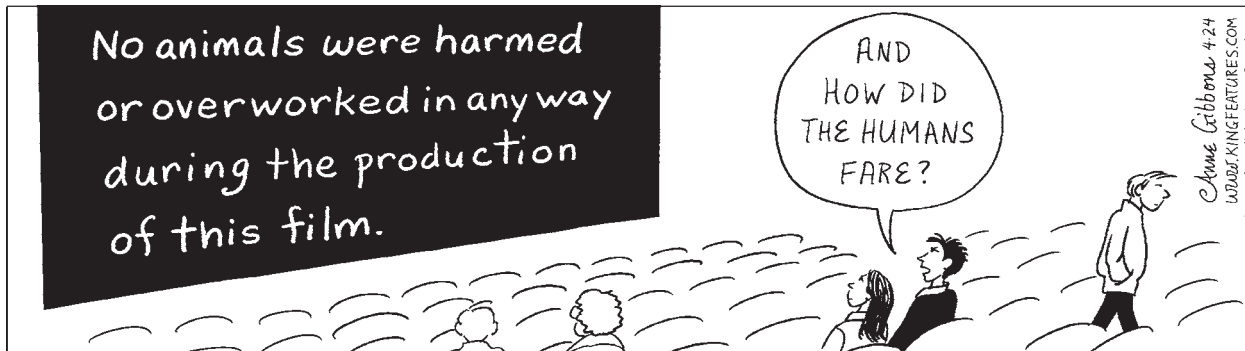
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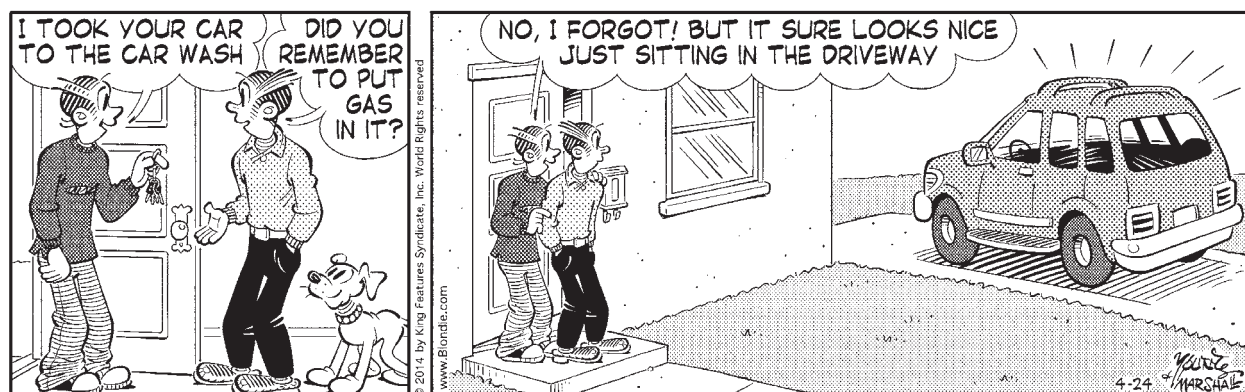
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## Conceptis Sudoku

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

4	1	5	7	3	6	2	9	8
2	8	3	4	1	9	6	5	7
9	7	6	2	5	8	3	1	4
7	6	9	1	2	4	5	8	3
8	3	4	9	7	5	1	6	2
1	5	2	8	6	3	7	4	9
3	9	7	6	4	1	8	2	5
6	2	8	5	9	7	4	3	1
5	4	1	3	8	2	9	7	6

## ACROSS

- Chimney pipe
- Get vengeance
- Net fabric
- Brief period of slow activity
- Wipe away
- Sit with the car engine running
- and crafts
- Woody Guthrie or Joan Baez
- "One customer"; sale display sign
- Whine
- Has to have
- Get up
- Saloon
- Want
- Hoses down
- Actor Jeremy
- Black card
- Cry
- A little too tight
- Frighten
- on; incite
- Relatives
- Layered rock
- Fraternity letter
- Newspaper
- Too sensitive
- Hair covering
- Singer Page
- Letter before beta
- Think deeply
- Toward the rear of a ship
- Silly
- Many law office employees
- Supportive friend
- Wicked
- Crowded; thick
- Think ahead
- "Ditto!"
- wool; Brillo pad material
- Little child

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## Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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EWER	TROVE	UPON
GENE	TAPES	TEND
STATEMENT	AXES	
DONS	WAN	
SPREAD	SHATTERS	
WEIRD	THERE	MOP
ACTS	WOODED	POOL
MAE	GROWL	PATTI
INSANELY	MODEST	
TUT	LIED	
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FILE	HEAVE	NODS
FLAN	EAGER	GAZE
YENS	DRESS	HEX

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## DOWN

- Beat the wings
- Attract; draw
- Noninvasive medical test
- Golfer Ernie

- Turn down
- Uneven
- Chums
- Inquire
- Affirmative
- Seven Dwarfs, by profession
- On; nervous
- Snow toy
- His and
- Evergreens
- Engagement symbol
- one's time; wait
- Slipped; back problem
- Bert's buddy
- Unusual
- Before all else
- Vane direction
- Sign of a past surgery
- TV's Sajak
- Donkey's cry
- Job opening
- Close
- Embezzle

- Carryall
- Breath in
- Graduation cap dangler
- Sign of life in the wrist
- Mimics
- Etna's output
- Stiffly proper
- Lion's neck hair
- Opposition; criticism
- Actress Daly
- Sullivan and Begley
- Acquire
- Rental unit, often: abbr.



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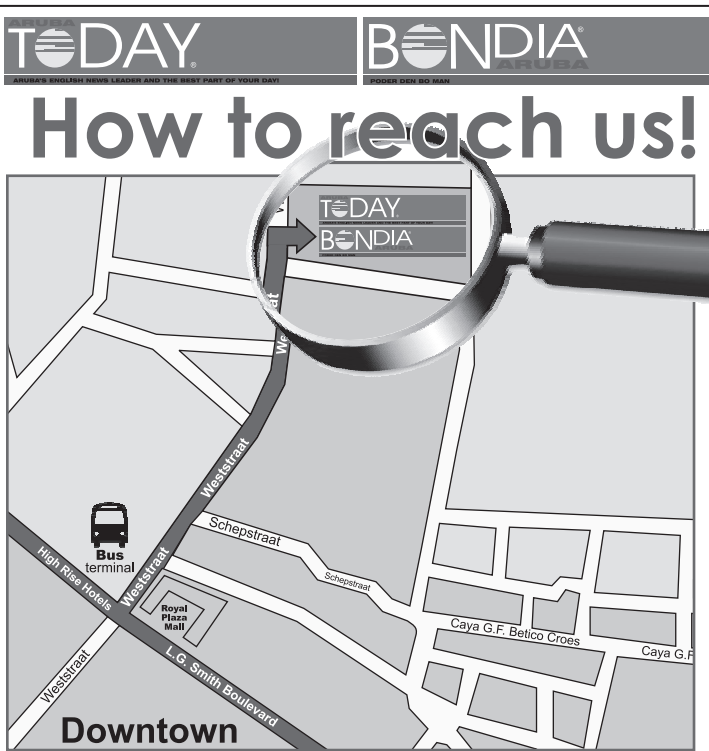
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# Drones unearth more details about Chaco culture

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**Associated Press**

**ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico (AP)** — Recently published research describes how archaeologists outfitted a customized drone with a heat-sensing camera to unearth what they believe are ceremonial pits and other features at the site of an ancient village in New Mexico.

The discovery of the structures hidden beneath layers of sediment and sagebrush is being hailed as an important step that could help archaeologists shed light on mysteries long buried by eroding desert landscapes from the American Southwest to the Middle East. The results of the research were published earlier this month in the *Journal of Archaeological Science*.

Since the 1970s, archaeologists have known that aerial images of thermal infrared wavelengths of light could be a powerful tool for spotting cultural remains on the ground. But few have had access to million-dollar satellites, and helicopters and planes have their limits. Now, technology is catching up with demand. Archaeologists can get quality images from very specific altitudes and angles at any time of day and in a range of weather using inexpensive drones and commercially available cameras that have



This June 2013 photo provided by the University of North Florida Office of Research, shows an aerial photo taken from a drone of the Blue J area in northwestern New Mexico.

**Associated Press**

as much as five times the resolution of those available just a few years ago. A basic eight-rotor drone starts at about \$3,700.

Jesse Casana, an archaeologist at the University of Arkansas, teamed up with University of North Florida professor John Kantner last summer to test the drones in a remote area of northwestern New Mexico, south of Chaco Canyon — once the cultural and religious center of ancient Puebloan society. Kantner has been studying a village in the area known as Blue J. He found two households at the village's edge through test digs, but much of Blue J's secrets remain buried

under eroded sandstone and wind-blown silt.

Blue J was most active close to 1,000 years ago, around the same time as Chaco. So finding structures such as kivas and great houses at the site would help solidify the theory that Chaco's influence spread far and wide. Kivas are circular, subterranean meeting places associated with ceremonial activities. Great houses were massive multistory stone buildings, some of which were oriented to solar and lunar directions and offered lines of sight between buildings to allow for communication. Aside from dozens of ant-hills, the drone picked up on much larger, unnatural circular shapes that are thought to be kivas. From the surface, these structures are invisible, Kantner said. He said crews can use the drone information to plan a dig at the location to search for the

archaeological remnants. "Really within a few hours we were able to survey this area that took me a long time, years of what we call ground reconnaissance and excavation to see what's below the surface," he said. "So this is great for quickly and pretty cheaply being able to find sites."

There already is talk about using the drones in other dry environments such as Saudi Arabia and Cyprus, where the difference between daytime and nighttime temperatures would be great enough to allow the heat signatures of buried stone structures or other features to pop up on the thermal images. Some researchers also have suggested using drone technology to search for a lost Spanish fort in Georgia and along the banks of Florida's St. Johns River, Kantner said.

Sarah Parcak, an archaeologist at the University of

Alabama in Birmingham who was not involved in the New Mexico research, said she's excited about the potential for using the technology in her work in Egypt. She said drones outfitted with sensors can hone in on what's most important in archaeology — the landscape and features that are buried beneath the ground.

"We think we know a site, and we've been working there for a long time, and lo and behold, new technologies show us things we weren't even expecting," Parcak said. "The great thing about remote sensing is it really gives you a new set of eyes in the sky to see what is otherwise invisible."

The drones have their limits. For example, flights usually are less than 15 minutes depending on battery power and camera weight, and the eight-rotor mini copters have been known to stop and come crashing to the ground.

There also are questions about whether federal regulators will toughen rules governing drone flights.

Kantner said as drones become more reliable, their ability to survey vast areas quickly will become even more important. He pointed to potential threats of oil and gas development and coal and uranium mining throughout the Chaco region.

"There are resources that we obviously need for our nation's self-sufficiency, but on the other hand, we don't want to give away our cultural patrimony by losing these archaeology sites," he said. □



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In this May 3, 2012 photo provided by CBS, Stephen Colbert, left, host of the "Colbert Report" on the Comedy Central Network, has a laugh on stage with host David Letterman on the set of the "Late Show with David Letterman," in New York.

Associated Press

## Letterman gets visit from his successor, Colbert

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Stephen Colbert says on a visit to the late-night show he'll take over next year he's obviously "thrilled" to be succeeding David Letterman.

The Comedy Central host told Letterman on CBS' "Late Show" on Tuesday he's going to do whatever Letterman has done. Letterman urges against it,

saying, "You don't want to do that."

Letterman greeted Colbert warmly and offered an endorsement, saying CBS "could have just as easily hired another boob" like him. Letterman is retiring next year. The "Late Show" released a 90-second clip of Colbert's appearance, taped for broadcast Tuesday night. □

## Drew Barrymore welcomes second baby girl



In this Jan. 14, 2014 file photo, Drew Barrymore and Will Kopelman arrive at the Chanel Dinner celebrating the release of Drew Barrymore's new book 'Find It In Everything' at Chanel Boutique in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Drew Barrymore is now a mommy of two. The 39-year-old actress and her 36-year-old husband, Will Kopelman, are welcoming their second daughter.

Barrymore's rep, Chris Miller, confirms Frankie

Kopelman was born Tuesday. Barrymore and Kopelman's first child, daughter Olive, is 19 months old. The couple say in a statement that "Olive has a new little sister, and everyone is healthy and happy!" □

## Milsap, Wiseman among Country Hall inductees



Ronnie Milsap, left, Mac Wiseman, center, and Suzi Cochran, widow of the late songwriter Hank Cochran, pose in the Country Music Hall of Fame after Milsap, Wiseman and Hank Cochran were introduced as the new inductees Tuesday, April 22, 2014, in Nashville, Tenn.

Associated Press

**CHRIS TALBOTT,**  
**AP Music Writer**

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — Ronnie Milsap, Mac Wiseman and the late Hank Cochran are the newest members of the Country Music Hall of Fame.

The 2014 induction class was introduced by Kix Brooks during a news conference Tuesday at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. The trio will be inducted later this year. "I anticipated and hoped for it a long time," Wiseman said of his selection in the veterans era category. "This is the biggest thing that's ever happened to me in my 70-odd years. Being in the same categories with all the greats over the years, I'm just really flattered."

Wiseman got his start in music after contracting polio as a child, which kept him out of the fields in his native Virginia. He was an original member of Lester Flatt and

Earl Scruggs' Foggy Mountain Boys, made his Grand Ole Opry debut with Bill Monroe, was an executive with the influential Nashville independent label Dot Records and a founding board member of the Country Music Association. Milsap, inducted in the modern era category, was an established talent by the time he arrived in Nashville in the 1970s. He'd played in J.J. Cale's band in the early 1960s and moved to Memphis to work with Chips Moman at the hit-making American Studios, where he worked with Elvis Presley, among others, before accepting an invitation to go to Nashville to record for RCA Records.

It was something of an experiment for Milsap, known as an R&B and rock singer, but he made sure he had a regular gig before he hit town, playing nightly at Roger Miller's King of the Road Hotel.

He found country fans were open to his style, and he went on to win several Grammy Awards, the CMA's entertainer of the year award in 1977 and four album of the year awards between 1975 and 1986.

"They developed me as an act that when you heard me on the radio, people knew who it was," Milsap said of RCA's Jerry Bradley and Joe Galante. "When you turn on the radio and hear Merle Haggard, you know who it is. When you hear Charley Pride, you know who it is. When you heard Ronnie Milsap, that's that new guy over at RCA." Cochran, who is being inducted posthumously in the songwriter category, probably secured his place in country music history when he got Willie Nelson a songwriting job at Pamper Music by forgoing his own raise.

He wrote the Ray Price stan-

## Bon Jovi helps open low-income housing in U.S.

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Rock star Jon Bon Jovi attended the grand opening of a low-income housing development in Philadelphia that bears his initials. The 55-unit JBJ Soul Homes will be occupied by low-income tenants and the formerly homeless. Bon Jovi's Soul Foundation

and the Middleton Partnership provided the lead gift for the \$16.6 million complex in the Francisville neighborhood. The project also received public funds. Residents will have access to social services provided by Project HOME, a group dedicated to ending homelessness. The four-

story building includes retail and office space.

Bon Jovi is a longtime advocate for affordable housing in Philadelphia, Newark, New Jersey, and many other cities.

The New Jersey native once co-owned the Philadelphia Soul arena football team. □



# A bipolar doctor probes the brain on 'Black Box'

**FRAZIER MOORE**

**AP Television Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — ABC's brainy new medical drama "Black Box" does a neat trick: It dares viewers to imagine for themselves the cost-benefit ratio of addiction, and does it without taking a firm stand.

It does it in the person of lovely, top-of-her-field Dr. Catherine Black, known as "the Marco Polo of the Brain," who helps patients navigate a range of neurological disorders.

She also secretly wrestles with one of her own: She's bipolar.

Meanwhile, she's addicted to the mind-expanding, sometimes rapturous but ultimately dangerous effects of skipping the meds that keep her "normalized," and letting her condition run full tilt.

"This show is not a generic examination of bipolarity — not at all," says series star Kelly Reilly. "This is about one woman who is an addict to her disease. The disease is treatable. But it calls for a lifetime of commitment and rearranging medications to



This image released by ABC shows Vanessa Redgrave, left, and Kelly Reilly in a scene from the new medical drama "Black Box," premiering Thursday at 10 p.m. EDT on ABC.

**Associated Press**

see what works and what doesn't work — and fighting the battle of deciding whether or not you want to take them."

Premiering Thursday at 10 p.m. EDT on ABC, "Black Box" pulls a 180 on the plague of addiction: Catherine Black must Just Say Yes to the drugs that will keep this wild child tamed. Yet sometimes she just can't. Or won't.

She is played by the English-born Reilly, who co-starred

with Denzel Washington in the film "Flight," appeared in the two "Sherlock Holmes" films headlined by Robert Downey Jr., and starred in "Above Suspicion," a British TV crime drama.

One recent day on Stage B at New York's Silvercup Studios, Reilly met with a reporter in her character's office in the tony Neuroscience Research and Treatment Center, aka The Cube, where Black and her colleagues probe the

brain's mysteries.

The show also stars Terry Kinney as the NRTC chief of staff, Ditch Davey as a womanizing neurosurgeon on the team, David Ajala as Catherine's restaurateur boyfriend and Vanessa Redgrave as Catherine's shrink.

"This is not a life that's ever going to be straight and narrow for Catherine," says Reilly. "It's always going to be a bit wobbly: Is she gonna go off crazy again, or is she going to try to toe the line? She's a rule-breaker by nature who takes risks. But I think she longs for what normal might feel like."

The series was created by Amy Holden Jones, whose credits include the films "Mystic Pizza" and "Indecent Proposal."

And she comes to "Black Box" well prepared, having as a girl been "homeschooled in bipolar," as she puts it: Her father was a practicing physician until he was 70 despite being manic-depressive and suffering periodic breakdowns.

"There are highly function-

al bipolar people," Jones says, and the condition is more common than is generally suspected.

"You may think your only experience of it is on 'Homeland,'" she says, referring to the Showtime thriller whose CIA heroine suffers notably from bipolar disorder. "But that's probably not the case." You may know someone who's bipolar and keeping it private, she says.

Jones agrees that "Black Box" isn't just a show about an illness.

"The series has an addiction metaphor," she says. "And the high does provide a gift."

"It's an incomparable asset," says her fellow executive producer, Ilene Chaiken ("The L Word"). "It makes Catherine the great doctor she is. But that doesn't mean the condition isn't also tragic and painful."

In the pilot, Catherine travels from New York to address a medical group — a barnburner of a speech she writes and delivers while strategically skipping her meds. □



This March 2, 2014 file photo shows Johnny Weir, left, and Tara Lipinski at the Oscars in Los Angeles.

**Associated Press**

**DAVID BAUDER**

**AP Television Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — NBC is adding Johnny Weir and Tara Lipinski to its Kentucky Derby telecast as fashion correspondents next week, illustrating how the network's coverage now reflects one of the most female-friendly televised sporting events of the year. The two figure skaters, who were the breakout stars of NBC's Sochi Olympics

broadcast team, will comment on the fashionable outfits worn by members of the rich and celebrity-filled audience who try to avoid spilling mint juleps on their designer duds, the network said Tuesday.

The image of cigar-chomping race fans no longer applies to horse racing's signature event. Slightly more than half of NBC's Derby viewers last year were women attracted to

## NBC adding Weir, Lipinski to Kentucky Derby

the party, the Nielsen company said. No other major TV sports event, with the exception of the Olympics, is so weighted toward female viewers, NBC said.

"It's not just a two-minute race," said Rob Hyland, coordinating producer for the NBC Sports Group. "Of course, the two-minute race is extremely important, but our job is to capture the venue and the day — it's a huge celebration — as creatively and poignantly as possible." Hyland produced NBC's ice skating coverage in Sochi and saw firsthand how the rookie analyst team of Weir and Lipinski captured attention, primarily for their sense of style. Their stars rising, the team was added to Access Hollywood's coverage of the Academy Awards, and now NBC's coverage of

the Derby, scheduled May 3 from Churchill Downs in Kentucky. "We've always loved loud fashion and sort of bonded over it," Lipinski said. "The whole Olympics experience was a bit of a surprise. We came in and were focused on doing a good job as rookies. But we're young and we like to have fun. The fashion was specifically for us every day and it was like, 'Oh, people are watching. This is fun.'" Particularly for Weir, fans anticipated his wardrobe choices. Continuing their collaboration post-Olympics was a natural, Weir said, since they both follow fashion trends and designers closely as consumers.

"We've grown up as entertainers, and going out the door, what you're wearing is often the loudest statement you can make," Weir

said. They're also no strangers to the horse racing world. Lipinski rode horses when she was younger and Weir was more active, competing in equestrian events before he focused on figure skating. Weir said he attended the 2010 Kentucky Derby as a fan, earning money by betting on the winning horse. He also wore a giant, fur-covered sombrero, he said, raising anticipation for his outfit next week.

"I'm not such a sports guy, aside from what people may think," he said. "I love figure skating, I love my job, but aside from that, I prefer to run in meadows and chase butterflies."

The first hour of NBC's three-hour Derby coverage will be entertainment-focused, including red carpet arrivals coverage, Hyland said. □



## And the Race Is Off



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Maybe Kathleen Sebelius should reconsider that Senate thing.

The woman who gave us the Obamacare rollout says she is not going to go home to Kansas and take on Sen. Pat Roberts. Even though Roberts is a former friend who threw her under the bus because he's afraid of a challenge from a loopy Tea Party radiologist.

Actually, she didn't say all that. What she said, through a spokeswoman, was: "Secretary Sebelius is continuing her important work at HHS and is not considering a run for the Senate."

Some Democrats had told The Times' Jeremy Peters that they wanted to see her give the race a try. At first, the idea seemed a little otherworldly, what with the way the health care website opened with a crash and all.

Still, we live in an age of hope. Fox says it has a new variation on "The Bachelor" in which 12 American women believe they are competing for the hand of England's Prince Harry. If you can swallow that, you can certainly have faith that any secretary of health and human services can grow up to be the United States senator from Kansas.

The Democrats have found it difficult to recruit a high-profile candidate to run in Kansas. The state hasn't elected a Democratic senator since George McGill, who filled the seat after Charles Curtis resigned to become vice president under Herbert Hoover. Curtis, by the way, was the first member of Congress descended from American Indians. He led the floor fight for women's suffrage and brought the Equal Rights Amendment up before the Senate for the first time. Also, he was a former jockey. I think I speak for us all when I say that Charles Curtis deserves more attention.

But about Kathleen Sebelius. Running a hopeless race for the Senate would be better than, say, spending the next year working on a memoir entitled "It Wasn't Really My Fault." And we have to keep stressing that, despite its awful start, the Affordable Care Act is working out fine. You could argue that Sebelius is a competent public servant who just ran into a really bad patch. Like Charles Curtis and the Herbert Hoover era.

Plus, she would have been an interesting addition to this year's

saga of women running for the U.S. Senate. Which is already turning into a thrill a minute. Just consider New Hampshire, where the incumbent, Jeanne Shaheen, is being challenged by Scott Brown, the former Massachusetts senator whose entire political career has involved running for the Senate against Democratic women. To qualify for this race, Brown moved into his New Hampshire vacation home. If he loses, I am thinking his next stop will be a California trailer park and Barbara Boxer.

The Kansas race wouldn't have been in that fun-filled category. But you could understand the Democrats feeling as if there might be a little window of opportunity.

The incumbent, Pat Roberts, is facing any establishment Republican's worst nightmare: a Tea Party primary challenger, plus the lack of a home in his home state.

Earlier this year, Roberts acknowledged to The Times' Jonathan Martin that the place in Dodge City that he claims as his voting address is actually a house on a country club golf course that belongs to two longtime supporters. "I have full access to the recliner," he joked. The part about this that's really troubling is that Roberts picked a pretend address at a country club. If a politician is going to make believe he lives somewhere, shouldn't he go for a cottage in the country or a midpriced condo near the shopping center?

Roberts was also stressed by a Tea Party challenge from Milton Wolf, a radiologist who, strangely enough, is a very distant cousin of President Barack Obama. Wolf has compared the Affordable Care Act to "Stalin's iron-fisted gulags." Roberts, racing to the right in terror, demanded Sebelius' resignation for "gross incompetence."

Obamacare haranguing is certainly standard fare under these circumstances, but you can see why Sebelius took it badly. Roberts, after all, was an old family friend who had bragged about their "special relationship" after she was nominated for secretary. And it wasn't even necessary. A Kansas reporter discovered that Wolf had a habit of posting X-rays of his patients on his Facebook page, and making fun of their injuries.

So far, the radiologist's most compelling excuse appears to be that he was trying "to educate people about what happens."

This is the kind of threat from the right that a Republican incumbent should be able to survive without turning a sweat, let alone turning on an old pal.

"It isn't personal," said Roberts after he'd called for Sebelius' resignation. Well, sort of.

So there you are. If Kathleen Sebelius had traded the Cabinet for the campaign trail, she very probably would have been defeated. But it still might have been fun to spend the summer discussing that recliner at the country club. □



## Affordable Care Act Bashing or Bust



CHARLES M. BLOW

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On Thursday last week, President Barack Obama delivered a compendium of positive news about the Affordable Care Act:

- Eight million people have signed up for private health insurance.
- Thirty-five percent of those signing up are younger than 35.

- The Congressional Budget Office now estimates that the cost of the law will be \$100 billion lower than expected and will significantly shrink the deficit over the next 10 years.

"This thing is working," the president said. But it rang more as a lamentation than a proclamation. The health care law is a staggering achievement by this president and the Democrats and is likely to be viewed by history as such, but Republican opposition to it has been so vociferous and unrelenting that the president has been hard pressed to find a message that can overcome it.

Republicans repeat the same complaints, regardless of their veracity: Obamacare is bad for the economy and bad for Americans; it's an unwelcome expansion of government by an overreaching president; it's failing and will never work.

As Obama said last week Thursday:

"I find it strange that the Republican position on this law is still stuck in the same place that it has always been. They still can't bring themselves to admit that the Affordable Care Act is working. They said nobody would sign up; they were wrong about that. They said it would be unaffordable for the country; they were wrong about that."

He continued:

"I know every American isn't going to agree with this law, but I think we can agree that it's well past time to move on as a country. ..."

But the president knows well that Republicans have no interest whatsoever in moving on. They've hitched their wagons to stop-Obama stallions and their plan is to race forward to Election Day.

The president smartly articulated the frustration that much of the opposition to the law in public opinion polls is "attached to general opinions about me or about Democrats and partisanship in the country generally."

The president's poll numbers took a hit during the health care rollout and have never fully recovered. The law also caused Democrats in general to lose their advantage in voters' preference for control of Congress, according to a CNN/ORC poll conducted in December. Furthermore, most Americans disapprove of the health care law.

The Republican plan is simply to hold tight to last year's disapproval and drag it forward to this year's election. And that just might work. Democrats have so fumbled the selling of the health care law's advantages, both moral and economic - faltering and stammering when they should have been steadfast and resolute - that they have acquiesced the debate to Republican opposition.

Rather than fight back with facts,

too many Democratic politicians tucked their tails and ran away from the law, or, worse yet, joined the attack.

In addition to the effectiveness of Republican attacks and the anemia of Democratic support for the law, the demographics of midterm voters also bode well for Republicans.

Midterm elections generally skew older and whiter, and Republicans are counting on this skew to give them an electoral advantage. According to a Washington Post/ABC poll released at the end of last month, whites and elderly people are the least likely to support federal changes to the health care system, yet most elderly people are beneficiaries of another, quite successful government health care program: Medicare. And 77 percent of Medicare beneficiaries are white. Even if Obamacare were not a factor, history suggests that this midterm election would still be a tough one for Democrats. As The Washington Post's Chris Cillizza pointed out in February:

"The party of a re-elected president tends to get walloped in the following midterm election. Since 1912 (that's when the House expanded to 435 seats), the president's party has lost an average of 29 House seats in the following midterm election."

The health care law is working, insuring millions of Americans at far less a cost than what was previously estimated. But this civic victory may well contribute to a political defeat in November, unless Democrats can upend historical precedent and change the profile of the people who vote in off-year elections.

Our elections have been severely altered by a corporatist Supreme Court, maleficent voter ID laws and gerrymandering run amok. In the face of it all, can Democrats gather the gumption to say, "Enough"? □



# Left With Crumbs? Lucky You!

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Breadcrumbs are easy to take for granted. In most recipes, they barely register. They're a crunch-intensifier or a garlic-and-cheese holder (ah, stuffed mushrooms), but never the main ingredient. They may not seem like something that demands to be home-made.

But just as a loaf of really good, crusty bread - be it homemade or from an excellent bakery - makes any sliced plastic-wrapped loaf seem like cotton by comparison, homemade bread crumbs put the sawdust in the can to shame. Which is to say, it's far better to make your own.

Homemade breadcrumbs couldn't be easier to make, and they are also basically free if you get into the habit of saving your leftover crusts.

I have a cloth sack into which I throw all the ends of my loaves. When it gets full, I make breadcrumbs. The bread can sit at room temperature for days, even a few weeks before pulverizing. Repurposing hard, stale bread is the point here. And feel free to mix

different kinds of loaves. It will only add complexity and dimension to the final crumbs.

Once I've got enough stale bread, all I do is grate it on the grating disk of my food processor. (You can also use a hand grater, though it will take a bit more muscle.) For finer crumbs, whirl the grated bread in the food processor (or blender) until it takes on the texture of sand. Another method involves pounding the stale bread with the side of a rolling pin, or even a hammer, but I'd advise wrapping the bread in a dishtowel before you begin. And if you only have fresh bread for your crumbs, dry it out in a low oven (250 degrees) first.

Then use your crumbs widely and often - in meatloaf, stuffing, dumplings, on top of casseroles and gratins, in pasta dishes.

Pasta is actually what got me thinking about breadcrumbs in the first place. After marrying a man who doesn't eat cheese, I needed a replacement for my once-ubiquitous sprinkle of grated Parmesan.

I turned to pangrattatto,

an Italian garnish of bread crumbs that have been toasted in olive oil and seasoned with the likes of garlic, herbs and sometimes anchovies or chili flakes (or both). A specialty of Southern Italy, it's dusted over pasta in place of the more costly grated cheese.

In this version of the classic recipe, I enrich the pasta with egg yolks for creaminess, Asian fish sauce to increase the funk factor and hot sauce for kick before tossing in the garlicky crumbs.

It's an earthy, lusty dish, one that deserves the most robust, flavorful crumbs you have.

## SPAGHETTI WITH GARLICKY BREADCRUMBS

Time: 30 minutes

Yield: 4 servings

1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil, more as needed

12 anchovies, chopped

6 garlic cloves, minced

1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes

1 cup good dried bread crumbs

Black pepper and kosher salt, as needed

1 pound spaghetti

2 egg yolks



**A dish of pasta seasoned with pangrattatto, an Italian garnish of bread crumbs that have been toasted in olive oil and seasoned with the likes of garlic, herbs and sometimes anchovies or chile flakes, in New York.**

(Andrew Scrivani/The New York Times)

1 tablespoon Asian fish sauce (optional)

1 teaspoon hot sauce, such as Tabasco, or to taste

1/2 cup roughly chopped

parsley

Lemon wedges, for serving

1. In a medium skillet over medium-high heat, warm oil. Add anchovies, garlic and red pepper flakes; cook until fragrant, 1 minute. Stir in breadcrumbs and cook until golden, 2 to 3 minutes. Season liberally with black pepper, and a little salt if needed.

2. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add spaghetti and cook according to package instructions; drain well, reserving some of the pasta water (about 1/2 cup is plenty).

3. In a large, preferably warmed bowl, stir together egg yolks, fish sauce, hot sauce and 2 tablespoons pasta water. Add hot pasta and toss well, adding more pasta water if the mixture looks dry or unevenly yellow. You want the yolk to evenly coat the pasta but you don't want it to be soupy. Add breadcrumb mixture and parsley and toss well. Season with plenty of black pepper, and salt to taste. Drizzle pasta with more oil just before serving and serve with lemon wedges. □



**A bowl of pasta prepared with pangrattatto. Bread crumbs are easy to take for granted, but homemade ones put the sawdust that comes in a can to shame.**

(Andrew Scrivani/The New York Times)